4 COORDINATE BODY COMMUNICATOR



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FALL REUNION A SUCCESS

By: Robert Cygan, Soverign Prince



We have just concluded the Fall Reunion in honor of our Veterans and named for Sublime Prince Dennis Elder MSA. What a Reunion it was, we did something that has not been done in a very long time, this was a twoday Reunion. Friday night at Quarry Lodge in Berea, with Eliadah Lodge of Perfection conferring the 4th and 14th Degree. The officers and members set the bar high in their ritualistic work providing our new candidates an idea of what to expect in the following degrees.

Saturday morning was started by Bahurim Saturday morning was started by Bahurim Council Princes of Jerusalem conferring the 15th Degree and Ariel Chapter Rose Croix conferring the 17th Degree with equally outstanding Ritual work. The afternoon was capped off with Lake Erie Consistory confer-ring a moving 32nd Degree. Commander in Chief Scott Bratton and Most Wise Master Robert Anderson did outstanding work in their first Reunion as Presiding Officers.

There were many new faces in the Degrees, most came from the Spring Reunion in May, and did their work in fantastic form making sure our new 32nd Degree Masons received the best possible introduction into Scottish Rite Masonry and the Valley of Cleveland. The Valley of Cleveland continues its high standard for the Ritualistic work, and continues to only get better.

How fitting it was that for our reunion that honored veterans, 5 out of the 8 candidates were military verterans! This was an exceptional class (pictured above) of dedicated Master Masons. We had representation from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines. The reunion concluded with the presetation of Sammy L. Davis Veteran Pins being presented to all veterans on behalf of the Northern Masonic Justidiction. Pictured to the right is Sublime Prince Norm Miller of Stonington Lodge receiving his Veteran Pin from our Deputy's Representative, Illustrious Brother Martin Woodworth.

Congratulations to all of our new 32nd Degree Masons!!!



REMINDER THERE IS NO FOUR COORDINATE BODY MEETING IN JANUARY. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2020.

New opportunities to make Scottish Rite Masons

At their December Meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Valley of Cleveland approved a plan to help make it easier for new members to join the Valley of Cleveland. As you may know, traditionally, a man can become a new member of the Valley of Cleveland only at the Spring or Fall Reunion. This plan allows more opportunities available for men to become Scottish Rite Masons.

The Fourth Degree is required for anyone to join Scottish Rite Masonry. After receiving that degree, you are then a *Scottish Rite Mason*, and are able to fully participate in the meetings and activities of the Valley of Cleveland. In order to become a *Thirty-Second Degree Mason*, you must receive the 4th Degree and (at least) three other degrees, before you can receive the 32nd Degree.

The Valley will be conferring the Fourth Degree (and accepting petitions for new members) at two upcoming Four Coordinate Body Meetings:

<u>Monday, February 3, 2020</u> at 7:00 p.m. at the Cleveland Masonic Center in conjunction with the conferral of the 5th Degree by Eliadah Lodge of Perfection.

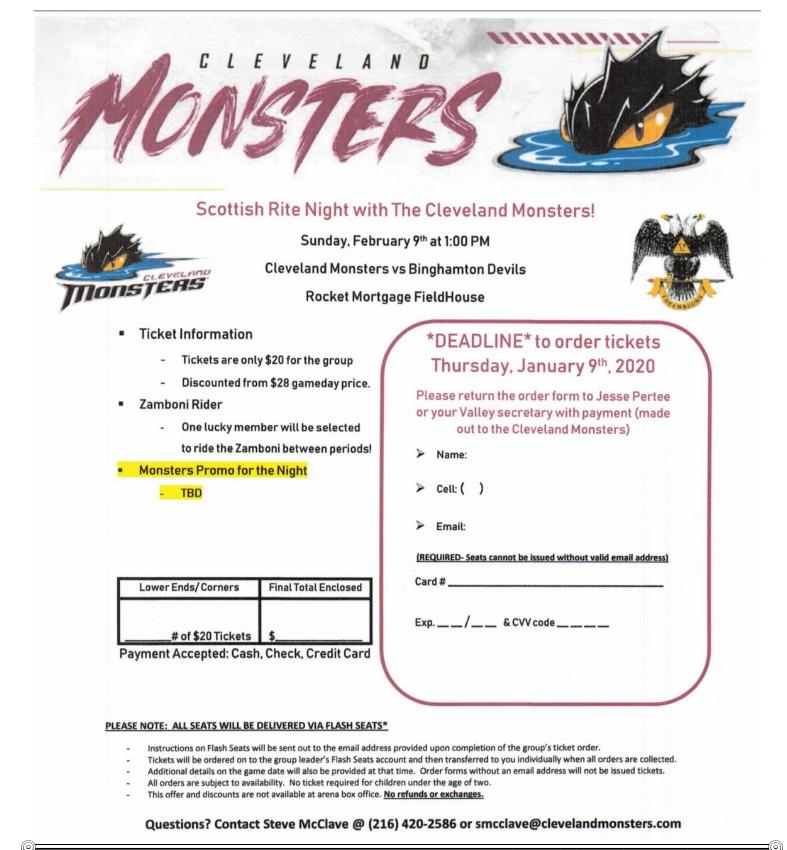
<u>Monday, March 2, 2020</u> at 7:00 p.m. at the Western Reserve Masonic Community in conjunction with the conferral of the 22^{nd} Degree by the Medina County Scottish Rite Society.

Both of these dates provide men with an opportunity to begin their Scottish Rite journey, which they can then conclude at some later date. *A fully completed petition and the \$150.00 petition fee are needed by the night of the degree in order to join.* Please take advantage of these two opportunities to extend an invitation to other men in your Lodge to begin their membership in Scottish Rite.



Martin R. Woodworth, 33° Deputy's Representative

Here is a wishing that the coming New Year is a glorious one that rewards all your future endeavors with success.Wish You A Happy New Year 2020. Happy New Year 2020.





"FRIENDS OF THE CLEVELAND LEARNING CENTER"

Fundraiser to Benefit The Cleveland Children's Dyslexia Center

Saturday January 25, 2020

Berea Masonic Temple - 366 Eastland Rd., Berea, Ohio Serving 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Ticket cost - \$10 Adult (2) \$5 for Children (2) Under Age 6 – *no cost* Tickets available now and priced right for the entire family!

Help us support our students at our Center.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION



Proceeds from your donated auction baskets directly support the Learning Center program.

Basket ideas....sports packages with goods and/or event tickets, culinary or wine baskets, pampered pets, fashion accessories, travel opportunities, fun children gifts, movie nights,...etc. (Google silent auction items for more ideas)

Think of your favorite things!

Your creativity with time, talent, and treasure will be appreciated.

Items can be dropped off at the Learning Center or we will happily arrange to pick up your donations at your convenience.

Questions and/or Ticket purchases – call the Learning Center at 216-881-2234 or ask a member of the Board of Governors or a member of the FRIENDS Committee.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Last newsletter we missed some of our 2,000 Valley members have been Elected or Appointed to various positions of leadership within our Fraternity:

Sublime Princes David P. Wilkie and Christopher J. Shellito are serving as District Education Officers for the 16th Capitular District.

Ford J. Cole, MSA is serving as 7th Arch Adjutant.

The following Sublime Princes are serving the Grand Commandery this year: Jobie W. Dotson, North Central Division Commander; James A. Langmead, Grand Aide; William E. Robinson, North East Deputy Division Commander

MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY



By: Illustrious Robert W. Thomas, 33°

Brethren of the Scottish Rite,

It has been a little over 8 months since I've taken the roll of Valley Secretary and to say it is challenging would be an understatement. Within 2 months, I was working on a reunion with over 100 candidates, an Awards Night and the Ohio Council of Deliberation. All the while learning with a new administration.

As I said, it was challenging, but fulfilling. Without the help of you brethren, it would have proven more difficult.

Now is the time to pay your dues. We still have many of your who have not paid dues. Please get your money in, so we may continue to help this Valley grow and change.

There will be no 4 Coordinate Body meeting in January. The next meeting for the membership will be on February 3 with a dinner. Please contact me at the information to the right to make a dinner reservation. The 4^{th} and 5^{th} Degrees will also be portrayed.

A reminder that the deadline for Hockey Tickets is January 6 and the Learning Center Souper Bowl Supper is on Saturday January 25 in Berea.

Hope everyone has a wonderful new year in 2020. I look forward to seeing the Valley of Cleveland prosper. Please contact me if I can assist in anyway.

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DANCE

COME ONE, COME ALL TIME TO RENEW OLD FRIENDSHIPS AND MAKE NEW ONES DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

WHEN: FEBRUARY 29TH 2020

WHERE: HOLIDAY INN INDEPENDENCE 77 & ROCKSIDE TIME: HAPPY HOUR 6:00 pm DINNER 7:00 pm BOURBON GLAZED LONDON BROIL OR CHICKEN TOSKA DONATION \$37.00 PER PERSON RSVP: BY FEBRUARY 14TH,2020

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