

4 COORDINATE BODY COMMUNICATOR



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LEARNING CENTER "SOUP"ER BOWL SUPPER A HUGE SUCCESS

Saturday January 25 at the Berea Masonic Center our Learning Center held the annual SOUPer Bowl Supper. This is an annual event where Learning Center supporters volunteer to make chili or soup. Tickets are sold for \$10 and individuals then get to both sample and eat soups and chilis. This simple concept teamed with the generous volunteers who sold tickets, cooked soup or chili, set up or cleaned up, or just attended the event MADE IT A HUGE SUCCESS!!!!!!

In addition to the eating part of the event, the Learning Center hosted a 50/50 Raffle, sold "leaves" for the center, raffled off handmade quilts by Pat Miller, and hosted a silent auction with over 25 items. All of this helped raise over \$5,500 for the Learning Center!!!! Thank you to everyone who had a hand in this event. Enjoy the pictures of the sights and sounds of the Souper Bowl Supper. Plan on joining us in 2021!!!!

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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.

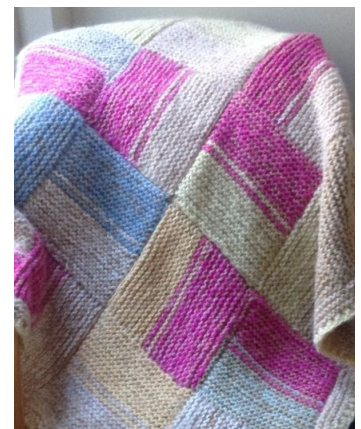
The first opportunity was February 3. The 4th Degree cast comprised of: Jeff Mrshall, Brady Woodworth, Brandon Mullin, Matthew Gardner, and Trevor Cutts did an exceptional job with this degree.

The 5th Degree-Perfect Master was conferred immediately after. The cast is pictured below and they did a fantastic job as well. Valley will again be conferring the Fourth Degree (and accepting petitions for new members) on: **Monday, March 2, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. at the Western Reserve Masonic Community in conjunction with the conferral of the 22nd Degree by the Medina County Scottish Rite Society. **A fully completed petition and the \$150.00 petition fee are needed by the night of the degree in order to join.** Come and be a part of the growth and excitement of the Valley of Cleveland.



CALLING FOR 4 PLY YARN..... PRACTICING CHARITY AT OUR MARCH MEETING

The Knitting Group at the Western Reserve Masonic Community knits blankets and scarves for the homeless. They are in need of more yarn to continue their project. We would like to present them with a large collection of yarn from our Valley when we go there for our meeting on Monday, March 2nd. They are specifically looking for four ply yarn. Please consider purchasing some yarn to donate to this worthy cause.



OFFICER SPOTLIGHT



The Valley of Cleveland has OVER 30 elected and appointed line officers serving in our Four Coordinate Bodies. These are some of most hardworking and talented Master Masons in Northeast Ohio. We are starting this feature of the newsletter to help acquaint you with these dedicated men.

This month's officer spotlight is from Ariel Chapter Rose Croix, Worshipful Brother Thomas Klecan. Tom is currently serving Ariel Chapter as Junior Warden.

Sublime Prince Klecan is a graduate of St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio. He served for 34 years with the North Olmsted Fire Department, the last 11 as Chief of the Department. Sublime Prince Klecan is a member of and graduate of the Ohio Fire Executive Program of the Ohio Fire Chief's Association. He also served for 3 years as Cuyahoga County Co-Ordinator for the Ohio Fire Chef's statewide emergency Plan.

He is a Past Master of John W. Barkley Lodge #621 in North Olmsted, member of Al Sirat Grotto, Past Potentate of Al Koran Shriner, and currently serving on the Board of Governors for Shriners' Hospitals for Children in Erie, Pennsylvania. Tom joined the Valley in 2007. He has preformed major roles in numerous degree, including 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 31st and 32nd.

Sublime Prince Tom Klecan was appointed into the Rose Croix Line by Illustrious Brother Theodore D. Cutts, 33°.

CELEBRATING ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNICATOR

One year ago the Board of Trustees gave the Presiding Officers of the 4 Coordinate Bodies permission to launch a newsletter each month to increase communication with our membership. Thank you to the Presiding Officers of the Valley for continuing to believe that each and every member of the Valley of Cleveland is a vital part of the fellowship and success of our Rite. The Communicator was created to inundate you with news and information about what is happening in YOUR Valley!!!!



As we celebrate the one year anniversary, it is a great time to reach out and call upon our members to see who would like to take a role in continuing the success of this newsletter.

Any member who would like to assist in taking pictures, writing articles, etc for the communication of our Valley, we would invite you to contact Illustrious Brother Gregory Kita at 440-364-2278 or glgkita@aol.com.

**JOIN ARIEL CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX
FOR THE FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB**

ON SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2020 at 3:00 PM

3615 Euclid Avenue in the DeMolay Room

Refreshments to follow



CONTINUING TO SALUTE OUR VETERANS

At our last Reunion the presiding officers presented Veteran Pins to all Veterans. Illustrious Brother Ron Runion was presented his at the Learning Center Souper Bowl Supper by all four presiding officers and the Deputy's Representative.. Congratulations Illustrious Brother Runion. The Valley of Cleveland salutes all Veterans and thanks them for their service to our country!!!



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 Prince Art Moore, MSA and our Valley Tyler has been recommissioned a DDGM in the 25th Masonic District. Congratulations!

WELCOME DONNA THOMAS

By: Illustrious Robert W. Thomas, 33°



Say Hello to the Valley's new office assistant Donna Thomas. Donna will be helping out at the office once a week doing computer work and answering the phones as well as helping with the Reunions and other special events.

She attended the old Harbor High School in Ashtabula, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in education at Kent State University and a Masters of Education at Youngstown State University.

Donna was an educator for 40 years, primarily 4th Grade Special Education with the last 3 years as a tutor for Children who were at risk grades K through 4.

Donna is married to Robert Thomas and is the mother of two daughters, Rebecca (Justin) Pomeroy living in Atlanta, Georgia and Rachel (Sam) Elliott of Dorset, Ohio. She has two grandchildren Nathan and Miranda that live nearby and has 4 grand puppies. Her hobbies include babysitting Nathan and Miranda every chance she gets along with yarn and needle point crafts, movies and travel.

Donna has a long history with the Masonic Fraternity. Growing up, her family was involved in many York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies. Her masonic career started out as a member of Ashtabula Assembly #18 Order of Rainbow for Girls. She has been a member of Eastern Star for over 40 years. Currently she is a member of Covered Bridge Chapter No. 591.

Stop by the office to say hello and introduce yourself

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MARCH MEETING MOVES TO MEDINA

4TH & 22ND DEGREES TO BE PRESENTED

In a change from our normal procedure, the March Four Coordinate Body Meeting will be held on Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Chapel of the Western Reserve Masonic Community, 4931 Nettleton Road Medina Ohio. At the conclusion of the business meeting, the 4th & 22nd Degrees will be presented, followed by light refreshments (there is no dinner before the meeting). This meeting is being hosted by the Medina County Scottish Rite Society, who are also filling the cast for the 22nd Degree.

Please mark your calendars, note the change in location, and join us for something new!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE VALLEY

FEBRUARY 2020:

Sunday Feb 9th – Scottish Rite Day with Lake Erie Monsters – Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse – 1:00 PM

Wednesday Feb 16th – Lake/Geauga Society – Applebee's, Willoughby – 6:30 PM

Saturday, Feb 29th – Winterfest Holiday Dinner/Dance – Holiday Inn Independence – 6:00 PM

MARCH 2020:

Monday March 2nd – Four Coordinate Body Meeting, 7:00 PM – Chapel – 4th & 22nd Degrees

All held in WRMC Chapel. Refreshments afterwards. Hosted by Medina Scottish Rite Society

Thursday March 5th – Lorain Society – Oberlin UMC – 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 7th – Ashtabula Society Breakfast at Pasta Oven, Rock Creek – 8:00 AM

Thursday March 12th – Cuyahoga Society - Marie's Restaurant – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 18th – Lake/Geauga Society – Applebee's, Willoughby – 6:30 PM

APRIL 2020:

Thursday, April 2nd – Lorain Society – Wellington UMC – 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 4th – Ashtabula Society Breakfast at Mary's Diner, Geneva – 8:00 AM

Sunday, April 5th – Feast of the Paschal Lamb, DeMolay Room – Time TBD

Monday, April 6th – Dinner, Gold Room, 5:30 PM

Monday, April 6th – Four Coordinate Body Meeting, DeMolay Room – 7:00 PM – Annual Meeting & Elections

Saturday, April 25th – 22nd District Grand Master's Reception, The Lodge, New Russia

Monday April 27th – 32nd Dress Rehearsal, DeMolay Room – 7:00 PM

MAY 2020:

Saturday, May 2nd – Spring Reunion

Monday, May 4th – Dinner, Gold Room, 5:30 PM

Monday, May 4th – Officer Installation and Valley Awards Night – DeMolay Room, 7:00 PM

Thursday May 7th – Lorain Society – Stonington Lodge, Amherst – 7:00 PM

Saturday May 9th – Grand Master's One Day Class – Statewide

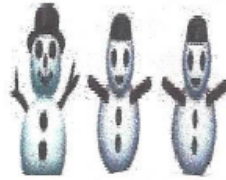
Thursday, May 14th – Cuyahoga Society - Marie's Restaurant – 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 16th – 25th District Grand Master's Reception, Sorrento's, Warren

Saturday, May 23rd – Lake/Geauga Society – Temple Lodge, Painesville – Installation; Time TBD



SCOTTISH RITE
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction



WINTER WONDERLAND 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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**MARCH FOUR COORDINATE BODY MEETING
WILL BE HELD IN MEDINA, OHIO AT THE WESTERN
RESERVE MASONIC COMMUNITY IN THE CHAPEL AT 7:00 PM**