# 4 COORDINATE BODY COMMUNICATOR



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## THANK YOU MEDINA SOCIETY

A big "Thank You" to the members of our Medina County Scottish Rite Society for hosting our March 4-Coordinate Body Meeting and in their portrayal of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Degree "Prince of Libanus". Cast members (pictured to the right) of the degree included Illustrious Brother Roger Edgington 33°, Sublime Princes Jay Calderhead, Donald Ensor, Matthew Gardner, Nicholas Gardner, James Huff, Christopher Lightner, Robert Sulia, and a memorable performance by Neal Beck, MSA. In addition to filling all of the roles, the cast also made or donated many of the props used in the Degree. A special thanks to Degree Coordinator and Medina County Society President James Huff in organizing the evening for the Valley and taking care of the details!





Additionally, the new 4<sup>th</sup> Degree was portrayed (pictured to the left) with Sublime Princes Trevor Cutts, Nicholas Gardner, Jeffrey Marshall, Brandon Mullen, Zachary Ratliff, and Brady Woodworth filling the cast and once again giving an excellent performance, under the direction of Illustrious Brother Martin Woodworth, 33°. The Valley welcomed 2 new members this evening,. J Brian O'Quinn Amelia #47 (FL) and Kevin C. Harding Breck Lodge #714 used this opportunity of starting their Scottish Rite Journey. The Valley will continue to offer the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree as part of future Degree performances so that any Master Mason wishing to join the Valley does not have to wait until the next Reunion.

Both Degrees were supported by Stage Crew Director Timothy Daley, 33°-Elect, David Hildebrandt, and Shawn Franks. Many hours were put in by the Stage Crew and all of the cast members in preparing for this evening, and their hard work paid off, as all in attendance enjoyed the degrees and the fellowship afterwards.

#### **NEW PASSPORTS & NEW JEWELS**



Once a Sublime Prince has witnessed all 29 degrees and filled his Passport, he receives a beautiful certificate from Supreme Council in honor of the achievement and commitment for further light. We are all aware that seeing a degree once is never enough to learn all of the lessons conveyed so Supreme Council sends a gold passport to begin the journey a second time. In the February 2020 Northern Light the Scottish Rite announced that all members who complete their gold passport will receive a newly designed pocket jewel to recognize the determination and dedication of the members wearing them. At our March meeting, our Valley had two members receive their jewel. Congratulations to Brothers Thomas McKinley and Phil Smith, MSA on this great achievement. Pictured



to the left is the jewel and to the right are the new recipients (from left to right: Ill. Brother

Cutts, Chairman of the Board, Thomas McKinley, Phil Smith, and Ill. Brother Woodworth, Deputy's Representative).

#### FROM THE VALLEY SECRETARY

By: Illustrious Robert W. Thomas, 33°

Brethren of the Scottish Rite.

The Secretary's office is still collecting dues. Please get your dues in before the third notice goes out. It will save money and time.

Don't forget that the Spring Reunion will be on May 2, 2020. Get your petitions in so we may have a nice class that will honor Bro. John Kohler, MSA.

Our next business meeting will be on April 6, 2020. Come out and show support for your valley. Dinner will be at 6:00 P.M. Make your reservations with this office so we may have plenty of food for everyone.

The Amy meeting will be the Installation for the new officers as well as an Awards Night for our 50, 60, 65 and 70 year brethren.

Take care and be safe!

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### A WORD FROM OUR SOVERIGN PRINCE

Greeting Sublime Princes All,

As the days will start to become warmer, things are also heating up in our Valley. With the success of our past reunions, with many new 32nd Degree Masons taking part in the degrees. It is an exciting time in our Valley. We are now conferring the new 4th Degree prior to every 4 coordinate body meeting, now enabling new candidates the ability to start their Scottish Rite journey, and not have to wait until a Reunion. This is providing great results. The Spring Reunion is set for May 2nd, Please plan on attending to see the best ritualistic work in the state, and show the support for our new members as they embark on their journey. You will be glad you did.

Fraternally, Robert C. Cygan Sovereign Prince Bahurim Council Princes of Jerusalem



#### PRACTICING CHARITY AT OUR MARCH MEETING



The Knitting Group, the Yarn Buddies, at the Western Reserve Masonic Community knits blankets and scarves for the homeless. They were in need of more yarn to continue their project. Our Deputy's Representative called for members to bring 4 ply yarn to Medina for the Yarn Buddies at our March Meeting. THANK YOU TO ALL SUBLIME PRINCES WHO CONTRIBUTED YARN! We continued to pile on the huge table in the lobby and then placed yarn on the floor around it. Pictured here are the Yarn Buddies with only a portion of the yarn that was donated. THIS IS CHARITY IN DEED!!!!!!

#### **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 Lake Erie Consistory. Brother Shawn Franks is the Master of Ceremonies for the Lake Erie Consistory. Shawn joined the Valley of Cleveland in 2016 and was a member of the fall class. Shawn grew up in Aurora and earned his degree in Psychology from Kent State University. Having worked for Heinen's for 30 years, Shawn is currently a Systems Manager and has been a member of the Human Resources Department for

over 20 years. Shawn lives in Maple Heights with his wife Amy. In addition to our Valley, Shawn is the Senior Warden at Forest City Lodge #388 where he was raised in May 2015.

He is also a member of Heights Chapter #206 and is the Junior Warden at Coeur de Lion Commandery #64. Although is a relative newcomer to masonry, he is committed to not only our Valley's success, but our fraternity as a whole by taking an active role in many activities. Shawn was appointed to the Consistory line by Sublime Prince Tim Forte (Past Commander In Chief).

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE VALLEY**

#### **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 – 3:00 PM

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

## 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

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
Valley of Cleveland
Invites you and
all Master Masons seeking further light
2020 Spring Reunion
Saturday May 2, 2020
at 3615 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH
CLASS NAMED IN HONOR OF:



Sublime Prince John Kohler, 32° MSA

Registration 6:30 AM (Coffee & Donuts)

Reunion Opens At 7:30 AM Luncheon at 1:00 PM (\$10.00 Tickets in Advance)

For Reservations or to join the Valley of Cleveland Contact:
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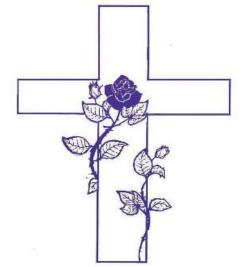


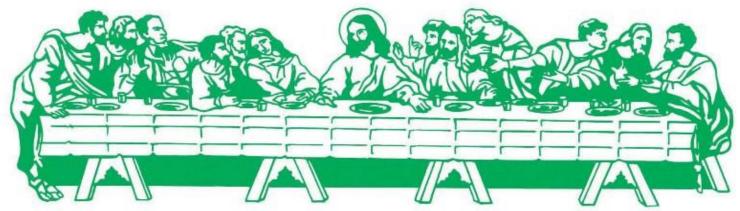
## You and Your Friends are Invited

to observe the 2020
Solemn Ceremonial Feast
of the Paschal Lamb
Sunday afternoon, April 5
at Three O'clock

DeMolay Room 3615 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

The Ceremonial Feast of the Paschal Lamb
is presented under the auspices
of Ariel Chapter, Rose Croix,
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite,
Valley of Cleveland





The Solemn Ceremonial Feast of The Paschal Lamb is the most impressive of Scottish Rite Ceremonies and is open to all Masons and their guests. It is the Traditional Easter Memorial Service of the Valley of Cleveland and is unsurpassed in ritual and staging.