

4 COORDINATE BODY COMMUNICATOR



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THE LEGACY OF FREEMASONRY

By: **Illustrious Brother Martin R. Woodworth, 33°**



The legacy of Freemasonry is built on stories of generations. Many of us have stories of Masons in our family. One of mine is of my Great Grandfather, Richard A. Weiss, Sr., who was originally raised in Denison Lodge (one of the Lodges who founded Denbrook Chapter, Order of DeMolay) and went on to become one of the Charter Members of Brookside Lodge (now part of Parkside Lodge). He was a member of the Valley of Cleveland and Al Sirat Grotto. That Charter still hangs in the Brookside Masonic Temple where Cleveland Lodge, where I and my sons Brady and Brock belong, now meets. For many of us, one of the most defining moments in our Masonic Journey is when we transcend generations and share the Bond of Brotherhood to ensure the family's legacy continues. Most of you know that my father-in-law, "Hob" Miller, MSA, is a member of our Valley and that my son Brady joined our Valley at the Reunion last Spring. We hope to continue our family legacy of membership in the Valley of Cleveland with my son Brock at the Fall Reunion.

The legacy of Scottish Rite Freemasonry creates a special bond with our Brothers, and with the long line of Scottish Rite Masons who have come before us. This Fall, we are honoring and celebrating the legacy that is the cornerstone of our fraternity. At our Fall Reunion, named in honor of John Kohler, MSA, we will take some time to honor those legacies. Any Mason who joins at that Reunion will be awarded a commemorative Scottish Rite Jewel. We hope that you will take some time between now and then and consider who is in your circle that you could share your Scottish Rite legacy with by inviting them to become a member of the Valley of Cleveland. Whether it is your Son, Grandson, Father, Uncle, Cousin or even a "Brother" from your Lodge. Our Valley Membership Committee has revamped the Ambassador Program, and those men will be available out in our Lodges to assist you in sharing the opportunity to join Scottish Rite in the Valley of Cleveland.

**Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Cleveland
Invites you and all Master Masons seeking further light
2020 Fall "Legacy" Reunion**

**Saturday October 31, 2020 at 3615 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH
CLASS NAMED IN HONOR OF:
Sublime Prince John Kohler, 32° MSA**



Annual Installation of Officers June 1, 2020

The Installation of Officers and of our new Ambassadors will be held on Monday, June 1, 2020 virtually over the ZOOM Platform. Details for the meeting will be sent out by Constant Contact.

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. The next officer featured is Sublime Prince Richard L. Phend III. Rick is currently serving as Master of Entrances of Bahurim Council.

Sublime Prince Phend is a graduate of Chagrin Falls High School and currently is employed as the Quality Manager for North American Seal and Supply. Rick is the current Master of Golden Gate Lodge #245, a PM of Solon #757, a member of Al Sirat Grotto and Al Koran Shrine. He is the current High Priest of Chagrin Falls #152, Eminent Commander of Oriental #12, and Captain of the Guard for Windermere Council # 113.

He joined the Valley in 2014 and has worked in many degrees of all four bodies. He was appointed into the Council Line by Sublime Prince Robert C. Cygan.

SCOTTISH RITE DURING THE PANDEMIC

What a difference a year makes!!!!!!! Pictured to the left is the 2019 Feast of the Paschal Lamb. Pictured to the right is the 2020 Feast of the Paschal Lamb via Zoom. The officers of Ariel Chapter Rose Croix would not let the pandemic ruin one of the most beautiful lessons of the Scottish Rite: The only hope of a better world still abides in the simple command... LOVE one another.” The officers gathered via Zoom and even dressed for the occasion. It was a



great afternoon of stories, fellowship, and brotherly love.



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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

REMINDER ABOUT The Black Hat Program

The Board of Trustees is continuing 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 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!

A WORD FROM OUR SECRETARY

Brethren of the Scottish Rite,

As of April 30, 2020 the membership number was 1862. We are still collecting money, so be part of the solution and not the problem by paying your dues.

With the Covid-19 virus going around, I have been working at home most of the time. I would like to share with you the good and bad from working from home:

Good: When the cat sleeps on your lap while you are typing on the computer.

Bad: When the cat sleeps on your keyboard when you are typing on the computer.

Good: Calling the kitchen the company cafeteria.

Bad: When said cafeteria does not have red Jell-O in a dish with whipped cream covered in saran wrap.

Good: The food in the cafeteria tastes homemade.

Bad: The reason it tastes homemade in that you have to make it yourself.

Good: The commute is great.

Bad: You have to stay in the house.

Take care and stay safe!

Robert W. Thomas, 33°

Valley of Cleveland



SCOTTISH RITE

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OCD 2020 *Saturday, September 12, 2020*

Schedule of Events

VALLEY OF CANTON

Masonic Temple

836 Market Ave N

Canton, OH 44702-1021



8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Registration

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Banquet Luncheon

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

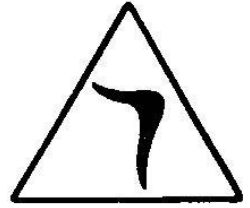
**Business Session and Meritorious Service
Award Presentation Ceremony**

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE SERVICE
OF OUR TWO MSA Elects: Sublime Princes
Thomas E. Lindsey and H. Richard Steinoff**

FINAL THOUGHTS FROM A RETIRING OFFICER...MASONRY TODAY



The lodge that I initially joined, became an Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and finally was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, no longer exist. As with many of our lodges, and all our bodies in Masonry, our membership was declining. In the case of Strongsville, we were finally forced to merge with another Lodge. Yet my lodge still exists in my heart, and in all the brothers of Quarry lodge who have accepted me as one of their own. It is not a new or different lodge; it is my lodge. We are all Masons and Brothers, we are all members of the A.A.S.R.. Many things are changing in our world with the unprecedented challenges we face. We have been unable to meet as a group, or even go to dinner with a Brother. Yet we stay connected by phone, email and many other electronic means. We just had our annual meeting via Zoom and everyone was able to participate. Masonry will continue to grow and thrive due to each and every one of you who keeps it in his heart. All Masons are my brothers, and members of my lodge and valley no matter what their home affiliation may be. This is the primary reason we have, and will continue to endure, because we are one and will always be so.



LODGE OF
PERFECTION
4^o — 14^o

Arthur D. Dunger

TPM Eliadah Lodge of Perfection 2018-2020

FROM THE DESK OF THE HOSPITALER

One of the definitions for Hospitaler is “A member of any of several religious orders dedicated to the care of sick or needy persons.” Here in the Valley of Cleveland we interpret it to be one who reaches out to our members, not only in time of need but also during the times when a personal phone call means the most. A time when they need to speak with a friendly voice, one who is also a good listener?

The Hospitaler Committee is comprised of myself and an officer from each of our Four Coordinate Bodies. Namely; Eliadah Lodge of Perfection – Captain of the Guard; Bahurim Council Princes of Jerusalem – Master of Entrances; Ariel Chapter Rose Croix – Captain of the Guard; Lake Erie Consistory – Captain of the Guard. It will be our soothing voice that our brothers will hear.

This committee will be reaching out to our members however it is paramount that we do not overlook a sick or distressed brother and this is where you come in. Should you know of a brother needing assistance or a phone call please let us know. Be the pulse taker of our membership, then share that information with us.

During this time of Social Distancing and self quarantining it would be very easy for a brother to become depressed and saddened by loneliness. It is our challenge to break into that routine with a voice from a like-minded brother. Please help us do this.

Warm regards,

Ronald L. Runion, 33^o

Hospitaler Valley of Cleveland

Did you know.....that you can send cards to members through the Scottish Rite website scottishritenmj.org? Under the “Resources” tab click “Resources” then “Brother-to-Brother Card Request.” Try it today!

Brother-to-Brother Card

In a world of online communication, we think snail mail is obsolete. However, there is something special about receiving a classic, paper letter in the mail. In fact, this Brother expresses it best:

The get well card sent to me through the Supreme Council was received with surprise and pride. When you are sick, thoughts of loneliness and empathy are front and center during the pain being experienced. Your card made my day and comforted me during my time in need.

The Brother-to-Brother card allows you send words of encouragement, get well wishes, or a congratulatory note — let a Brother know you are thinking about them. Just fill out the form here, and a Brother-to-Brother card will be sent in your name from the Supreme Council.

Isn't there someone you want to reach out to today?

Brother To Brother Card Request

Your Name

FINAL THOUGHTS FROM A RETIRING SOVERIGN PRINCE

I want to say congratulations to all the officers of our beloved Valley who were elected and appointed. You are on a Fantastic and a most enjoyable Journey. The members have shown their confidence in you to lead this Valley into 2020 and far beyond. The Valley could not be in better hands, and in conjunction with the Board of Directors and Deputy's Representative, there is no telling the heights this Valley will reach.

I would like to thank our members, Officers and the Board of Directors for giving the opportunity to serve our Valley as an Officer of Bahurim Council, Princes of Jerusalem. It seems like yesterday I was appointed as Master of Entrances and worked up the line. It was not always easy, but always most enjoyable. I had the good fortune of having the best Officer Line and being able to follow in the footsteps of our Past Sovereign Princes, the best and most dedicated Masons I know.

Thank you for the confidence and Honor that you bestowed upon me, a gift that will last a lifetime, being an Officer in the Valley of Cleveland.

Thank You and God Bless our Valley, Officers and Members!!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Robert C. Cygan
Sovereign Prince



15°/19° (Digital) Watch Party!

Join us this week as we witness Zerubbabel resist temptation and maintain his obligation.

15° "Knight of the East" 7PM/9PM (EDT)
19° "Brothers of the Trail" (Encore) 8PM (EDT)
Only

Thursday, May 28, 2020
Available to all NMJ Members

Login to the [Member Center](#) and be sure to check out the Thursday Night at the Rite schedule for upcoming presentations!

KEEPING THE DEGREE SECURE MEMBER CENTER REGISTRATION HELP

To keep the degree secure, you must log into the [Member Center](#) to view the presentation on Thursday evening. If you do not have an account, you can easily create one. You need your date of birth and your member number. Your member number is below.

If you need additional assistance, please see our [registration guide](#) or call the Help Desk at (781) 465-3352.

If you already have an account, you're all set. Just log into the Member Center on Thursday evening and click the link as seen below.



SCOTTISH RITE
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction



**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 18, 2020
Registration: 7:30-8:00 am
Tee Time: 8:30 am Shot Gun - Scramble

\$79.00 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 bean 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

Team entry

Name(s)

Contact info – Phone & Email if possible

Would you like to sponsor a hole? \$50.00 – Simply attach your business card or the desired Information. Sponsoring no later than June 4th (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 2020**
Payments and reservation must be received NO LATER than July 10th, 2020