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As we continue to navigate through this pandemic, the Board of Governors of your Learning Center wanted to take this opportunity to educate you about the Valley's Masonic Learning Center, update you on how the Learning Center has continued to help students learn to read at no cost to the families, and provide ways you can help support the Learning Center so we can continue to assist students with dyslexia.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this newsletter and for your support of your Masonic Learning Center.

LEARNING CENTER GRADUATION



The annual Graduation for our Learning Center students was held on Tuesday July 28th. With the pandemic we had to make some changes to accommodate the social distancing and state requirements. The students worked so very hard to maintain their studies via online tutoring and they did a great job. We held a drive-up Graduation in our parking lot. The tutors and board members were there to greet and congratulate our students. As the family and the

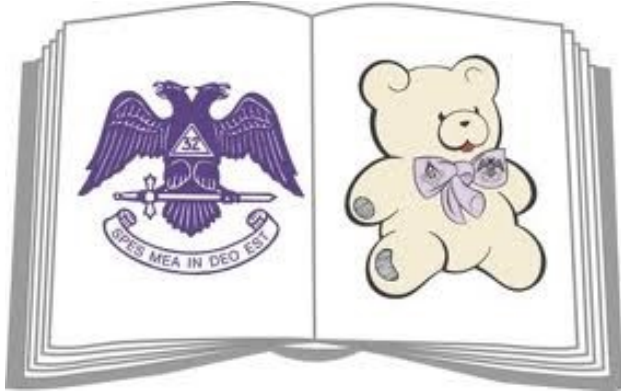
students arrived, the board members presented them with a round of applause and a colorful graduation balloon. The families then drove to the table. The tutors presented their students with framed diplomas, gift bags and a show of appreciation for all they had accomplished during these different times. It was a joy and honor to share with our students in their success and to witness the pride of their Learning Center tutors.

**REMINDER: Next meeting Monday September 14, 2020
Berea Masonic Center
JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE RITE!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Masonic Learning Center Update from Director Carol Perry

The Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc. (formerly known as the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc.) was formerly adopted as the fourth charity of the AASR NMJ in 1994 at the Supreme Council Session hosted in Cleveland, Ohio. Since that time, the organization has grown to forty-six Centers located in thirteen states of the Masonic Northern Jurisdiction. The Centers have served nearly 15,000 children with individualized education services and certified 3,850 educators as structured language practitioners. The educators trained at the Centers extend the reach of the program to countless numbers of children served by private practitioners, Special Ed interventionists, and mainstream classroom teachers.

The Children's Dyslexia Centers serve children who are struggling readers due to dyslexia. Since its inception, the Children's Dyslexia Centers have developed and adhered to the highest standards of educational practices. The understanding of dyslexia and best practices for reading instruction for children with dyslexia is ever evolving. The Children's Dyslexia Centers, in partnership with numerous professional groups and institutions, is a major contributor to the development of best practices.



This year, the pandemic has altered the daily routine for all and has changed the practices of most businesses. Thanks to the leadership of the Children's Dyslexia Centers, specifically our Chief Operating Officer, David Sharkis, and Executive Director of Clinical Affairs, Carin Illig, the Centers have continued to provide educational services via online tutoring. The Cleveland Center endured only a three-week lag in service following the closing of the Center in March.

The Children's Dyslexia Centers' effort to get the tutors of all 46 Centers online with Zoom lessons was great. The Children's Dyslexia Centers set up a hundred plus secured Zoom accounts. The Zoom accounts are formatted to provide the maximum amount of privacy protection for the tutors and students. Additionally, the organization researched best practices related to online tutoring. The Center Directors participated in a series of training sessions to prepare for online tutoring.

Transitioning to online tutoring has not been an easy process. The learning curve for some of the tutors has been immense, but they have successfully adapted their teaching techniques to be Zoom friendly. New best practices have been developed and the online lessons have been an effective educational experience for the majority of our students.

Overall, tutors and our Clinical Director agree that in-person lessons are optimal. Initially, the goal was to help the children maintain the skills that they had already mastered with in-person instruction. The Center Directors were instructed not to enroll new students and tutor training was suspended. Now that we have proven that online instruction can be effective in teaching new skills, the Centers have been given the go-ahead to enroll new students and to resume tutor training via Zoom. As always, the parents have expressed their gratitude for the Centers' services. With limited involvement in other activities, the continuation of lessons has been welcomed by parents and the children alike.

The Cleveland Dyslexia Center is celebrating its twentieth year of providing individualized educational services children identified as struggling readers due to dyslexia. As we begin the Fall Term, the Center is positioned to continue with online instruction. The Centers' corporate leadership has again secured numerous Zoom accounts for each Center. The cost of the corporate accounts for all of the Centers will exceed \$4,000 per month for the balance of the year. It is a necessary expense if we are to fulfill the Centers' mission ...

- **To help children with dyslexia learn to read and to reach their full potential;**
- **To help their families end the frustration, guilt, and disruption caused by dyslexia;**
- **To help communities by developing Children's Dyslexia Centers to help children succeed in and out of school.**

By the end of October, the Children's Dyslexia Center will have surpassed 20,000 Zoom lessons to benefit the children enrolled in the program.

Thank you to all who have helped sustain this critically important educational program!!!!

**[Click here to watch an update from Dave Sharkis,
Director of Operations from Lexington, Massachusetts.](#)**

BUILDER'S COUNCIL

The ability to read is the foundation of each child's future. It provides the base upon which all learning depends. Membership in the Builder's Council means that you have made a commitment to assure that our Children's Dyslexia Centers will be able to help children with dyslexia today, and for years to come.

Joining the Builder's Council is achieved through a commitment of \$10,000 to any of our Children's Dyslexia Centers throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, or to the organization as a whole.

Your gift may be made by one of the following methods:

- Pledging monthly/annual gifts lasting no longer than 10 years
- Naming the Children's Dyslexia Centers in your Will
- Making a bequest to the Children's Dyslexia Centers
- Establishing an annuity or trust



Every member of the Children's Dyslexia Center Builders Council receives a commemorative green tie and scarf. Wearing them serves as a reminder that there are children needlessly suffering because of their dyslexia and that the Scottish Rite is here to help. When you complete your \$10,000 gift to the Children's Dyslexia Centers, you receive a gold tie and scarf, signifying you have fulfilled your commitment. Wear your gold, with pride, knowing you have changed someone's life. [Click this link to learn more by watching *My Tie*.](#)

Valley of Cleveland Builder's Council Members

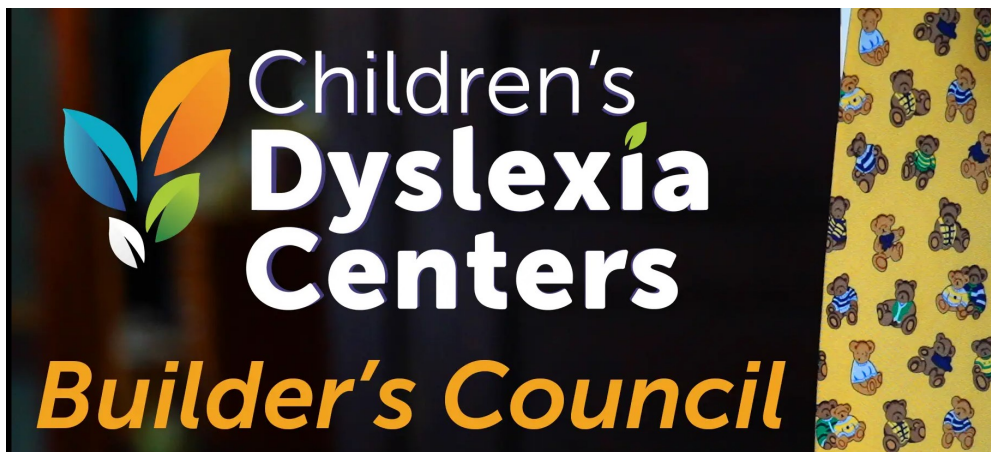
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Please consider becoming a member of the Builder's Council today!

In honor of OUR Masonic Learning Center's 20th Anniversary, we are trying to welcome 20 new members of the Builder's Council to strengthen our Center for decades to come.

Before announcing the goal of 20 new members, 5 members of our Valley have agreed to join the Builder's Council. It is our hope to have the Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother David Glatly, 33° to visit our Valley to present all new members with their new tie.

If you would like to become a member of the Builder's Council or would like more information, please contact Greg Kita at 440-364-2278 or glgkita@aol.com.





Cleveland Dyslexia Center Virtual Walk

Join our Virtual WALK. What is a Virtual Walk Event?

Due to the current COVID-19 emergency, our annual Walk-a-thon event will be a Virtual Experience. This decision was difficult, and we will miss you, but we believe this is the best way to keep your family safe. A virtual walk can be completed whenever or wherever you want. You can walk from any location you choose - on a road, on a trail, or even on a treadmill. You complete your own walk, at your own pace. Everyone can safely participate while supporting the Children's Dyslexia Center of Cleveland.

What is the cost: FREE-We ask that you secure at least \$50 in pledges/donations
(General donations to the Centers are welcome and appreciated)

What do you get: Each registered participant receives a special commemorative t-shirt, a certificate of completion, and the priceless feeling of helping a child learn to read!

What are the dates: Anytime between NOW and October 17, 2020. FYI, open for business NOW!

Five Easy Steps

Register – Email your shirt size, team name, and how you would like your name on your certificate to: Cleveland@cdcinc.org.

Raise money – Contact family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and anyone who would like to help children overcome dyslexia. Please make checks payable to **Cleveland Masonic Learning Center**.

Walk – Wherever, whenever between now and October 17

Support – On October 17, 2020 from 10:00 AM-Noon drop off your donations and pick up your shirt and certificate at one of two locations:

Lyndhurst Masonic Center-5516 Mayfield Rd, Cleveland, OH 44124

Berea Masonic Center-366 Eastland Rd, Berea, OH 44017

If you are unable to come to either drop off location on October 17, please mail your donations and your completed form to: Cleveland Masonic Learning Center c/o John Youngblood 453 Gloucester Circle, Brunswick, Ohio 44212.

Share – Tell us why you are walking. Share your story with us by posting a photo or video of yourself on your walk by emailing Cleveland@cdcinc.org.

Our annual walk raises approximately \$30,000 for our center. With your help and support the pandemic will not be able to take away from this great event. Start gathering pledges and donations TODAY!!!

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Cleveland Dyslexia Center Virtual Walk Pledge Form

Pledges for (Your Name): _____ Shirt Size: _____

Address (Street, City, ST, and Zip Code): _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Sponsor Name	Phone Number	Pledge/Donation	Total Amount

The Children’s Dyslexia Center of Cleveland is a 501(c)3 registered charity. Virtually 100% of your donation is used to educate children and their tutors. Treatment at our center is free to children and their families.

Please make checks payable to **Cleveland Masonic Learning Center**. Thank you for supporting the Children’s Dyslexia Center of Cleveland!!!

Sincerely yours,
Don Moll
Chairman, 2020 Virtual Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia 330-225-6307 or dmoll@aol.com

Scottish Rite, NMJ Presents

VIRTUAL REUNION

OCTOBER 3, OCTOBER 24, NOVEMBER 14

For the first time ever, the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction is inviting candidates to join our Brotherhood through the experience of a Virtual Reunion! Start your journey to the 32° through this unique, meaningful, and convenient online event.

All current members are invited to take part too! It is a great opportunity to welcome new Brothers, see degrees you may have missed, and interact with others from across our 15-state jurisdiction.

Our virtual theater doors swing open on October 3, October 24 and November 14. Register today!

SCOTTISH RITE, NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION PRESENTS



Experience Scottish Rite membership in a brand new way!

The magic of Scottish Rite Reunions is, and always has been, the Brotherhood that ignites when we gather in fraternity and friendship. We come together to engage with the teachings of our craft, reflect on our values, and learn from each other. And just as we have never settled for the status quo at our in-person Reunions, our Virtual Reunion experience will be no different.

The Virtual Reunions will go beyond simply broadcasting degrees. They will be singular experiences that welcome candidates into the Scottish Rite, and bring current members together from across our jurisdiction.

The Virtual Reunions will create a shared moment in time that unites our fraternity as we explore the highest principles, teachings, and ideals of the Masonic craft. Together we journey together to greater self-discovery and a deeper sense of purpose.



SIGN UP TODAY!

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Begin Your Journey

FOR THE CANDIDATE

Through the Virtual Reunion you will be initiated into Scottish Rite and journey deeper into the teachings of our Craft. You are welcome to take part in one or all three weekend events, as you work toward the esteemed 32°.

The Virtual Reunions will provide you with a full Scottish Rite experience. In addition to degree presentations, you will meet Scottish Rite leaders, take part in educational sessions, and be able to interact live with other candidates and long-time members. We look forward to welcoming you.

Experience Something New

FOR THE MEMBER

We welcome you from every state and every Valley! The Virtual Reunions are for candidates and current members alike. While we won't be able to connect in person, we will still enjoy degrees together (and receive passport credit!), learn something new, and experience rich engagement with each other.

We need your deep Scottish Rite experience to welcome new Brothers, and make our Virtual Reunions meaningful and memorable.

Join us.