

4 COORDINATE BODY COMMUNICATOR



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A Bright Future for our Valley

It is not a secret to most of our members that the future of our Valley is not at 3615 Euclid Avenue. Over the last few months, the Board of Trustees has been working to secure that future. While Exit Negotiations with our current Landlord are still taking place, the Board has made decisions about where we will be located in the future. The Board has signed a lease with the Berea Masonic Center to hold our monthly Four Coordinate Body Meetings, our Reunions, and to house our robes and paraphernalia. We will hold our first Four Coordinate Body Meeting at the Berea Masonic Center on Monday, February 1, 2021. Additionally, the Board has signed a lease for our Valley Office and the Cleveland Masonic Learning Center to be housed in an office building in the city of Rocky River. This location will provide a safe and secure facility for our Office Staff, the Learning Center Staff and, most importantly, our Learning Center students and their families.

The Board has also scheduled dates for most of the events for the first half of 2021:

We do not hold a monthly meeting of our Valley in the month of January.

Monday, February 1st – Conferral of the 4th Degree and the 8th Degree

Monday, March 1st – Conferral of the 4th Degree and the 30th Degree

Sunday, March 28th – Observance of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb

Monday, April 5th – Valley of Cleveland Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Friday, April 23rd & Saturday, April 24th – Spring Reunion

Monday, May 3rd – Installation of Valley Officers and Awards Presentation

Additionally, the Fall Reunion is scheduled for October 29th & 30th

Remember that, in addition to the Reunions, new members can begin their Scottish Rite journey at either of the meetings in February and March. We are pleased to welcome thirteen new members who began their Scottish Rite journeys during the Virtual Reunions held in October and November. We look forward to them becoming active in our Valley.

While we have been facing the challenges of holding meetings during the pandemic, the Officers of our Valley have been meeting in Committees and working to bring improvement and innovation to our Valley. Their ideas and plans will be revealed in the coming months, and they will help our Valley continue to grow and prosper. It is an exciting time to be a part of our Valley, please plan to be with us as often as you can. Stay Healthy and Safe. We look forward to being with you soon.

Fraternally,

Martin R. Woodworth, 33°

Deputy's Representative, Valley of Cleveland



CLEVELAND MASONIC LEARNING CENTER CELEBRATING 20 YEARS



Your Cleveland Masonic Learning Center is celebrating 20 years of helping children with dyslexia learn to read. This is something to celebrate! As a member of the Valley of Cleveland-BE PROUD OF YOUR CENTER AND ALL OF THE CHILDREN WHO YOU HAVE HELPED OVER 20 YEARS!

To help commemorate our 20th Anniversary we have created two special items: a commemorative tie and an anniversary shirt.

The tie is pictured to the left. The ties are \$35 each or 2 for \$60. We have a limited supply remaining. The shirt is

pictured to the right. It is sapphire blue from the new Dyslexia Center logo from Supreme Council. The shirt can be purchased for \$20 to celebrate our 20th Anniversary.



Please contact Greg Kita glgkita@aol.com to secure your tie and shirt today.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED
OUR VIRTUAL WALK! We raised over
\$16,000! Thank you for your generosity!**



Happy New Year
2021

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TEN NEW BUILDER'S COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ROOM FOR MORE

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.

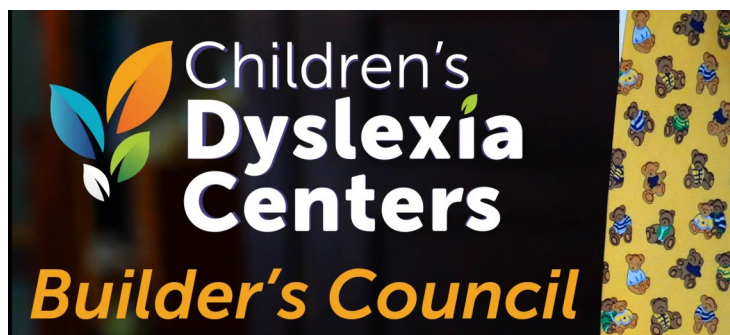


TEN members of our Valley have agreed to join the Builder's Council. If you have been considering becoming a member, please contact Greg Kita at 440-364-2278 or glgkita@aol.com.

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.](#)

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE HOSPITALER

One of The Hospitaler Committee members will be reaching out with a personal phone call to you just to wish you a good day or perhaps a Happy Birthday. This program has just nicely gotten started and we will get to you.

This committee will be reaching out to our members however it is paramount that we do not overlook a sick or distressed brother and for this we want to be proactive and the best way to do that is for every member to make us aware of someone in need. Don't let them wait until their birthdate before someone gives them a call. Call me at 330-618-9553 or the Valley Secretary at 216-432-2370 and let us know who needs our help.

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

Warm regards,

Ronald L. Runion, 33°

Hospitaler Valley of Cleveland





THE VALLEY OF CLEVELAND'S FIRST HAUTS GRADES ACADEMIC

David C. Hanna, HGA, has completed the course and we had some questions for him.

What is your masonic background? (Lodge, other bodies, family?)

I have been a member of the Craft since June 2015. My home lodge

is Golden Gate #245 in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Since then, I have become a member of: The Valley of Cleveland-SRNMJ, Al Koran Shrine, The Masonic Society, The Philaethes Society, The Ohio Lodge of Research, Quatuor Coronati Lodge #2076, Chagrin Falls Chapter #152 R.A.M., Windermere Council #113, Golden Rule Chapter #442 O.E.S., The 3-5-7 Club, The Scottish Rite Research Society-SMJ, The Grand College of Rites of the United States of America, and Oriental Commandery #12 Knights Templar.

You state that your, "experience in participation in the Hauts Grades Academy was both exciting and rewarding."

Why did you participate in this program?

I decided to participate in the Hauts Grades Academy for several reasons, the principal being that I am a self-professed research hound. I love investigating historical artifacts, documents, and any other pieces that may prove valuable in learning about our world and society. This is perhaps even more so in the sphere of Freemasonry, as the Craft's own history is rich and, if investigated, available for all who are curious about it. Another key reason is the thought of being a part of a new and exciting chapter of Masonic culture. Even if the research I was conducting was based off of existing historical literature, it was still my responsibility to re-discover and present it to a new audience via my own viewpoint. In theory, such an approach would ensure that not only would the history of a particular branch of the Craft would remain intact, but would serve as a readily available source for future Freemasons to investigate further.

What was the topic of your research paper?

The topic of my Haute Grades paper was the history of the first sixty-six years of both the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite.

How are you going to apply this to your future masonic and/or non-masonic endeavors?

I hope to apply what I have learned through the course of this project to my own participation in the Northern and, eventually, Southern Masonic Jurisdictions. Understanding their respective histories and minor differences is critical in maintaining the healthy relationship the two bodies have enjoyed and thrived with since 1867. This may also potentially serve as a positive example for all future Freemasons and the hopeful growth of the Craft throughout the world. What's more, I hope to use the knowledge I have gained in this experience towards serving as an ambassador of Freemasonry wherever I may find myself.

Is there anything else you would like to share at this time?

I am currently pursuing my Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, with a career aim in treating clients suffering from depression, anxiety, and trauma. Unfortunately, such work has severely limited my availability to the Craft, however I am proud to state that I am still a happy member and am looking forward to jumping back into my Masonic duties upon graduation and career settlement.

