

4 COORDINATE BODY COMMUNICATOR



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SOMETHING NEW

The last year has been a trying time for Society. The pandemic has changed our world and caused us to re-think how we approach even our everyday lives. Our Valley has faced a particularly difficult time at our long-time home at 3615 Euclid Avenue. The Board of Trustees made the difficult decision to relocate the Valley and have spent the last several months making that relocation a reality (with lots of help from our members). The Valley's robes and paraphernalia were moved to our home for monthly Meetings and Reunions at the Berea Masonic Center. We had our first meeting there on February 1st and saw two really great degrees. It was wonderful to be meeting in person again. The Valley Office and the Learning Center have successfully moved to their new location at 1154 Linda Street in Rocky River.

Now that the relocation is complete, I would like to take an opportunity to share my thoughts about what is yet to be. I believe that the Grand Architect of the Universe has presented us with an amazing opportunity. In Isaiah 43:19, it says "Behold, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not perceive it?" I want us to take some time in the coming months and talk together about "**something new.**" I want us to think together about "**something new.**" I want us to dream together about "**something new.**" I don't want us to think about what the Valley of Cleveland has been ... but about what it has **NEVER** been ... What we cannot even imagine a Scottish Rite Valley to be.



Let's honor our past enough to let it go and move forward into the future of this great Valley together and let's make "**something new.**" Let's increase member engagement like never before; Let's provide education like never before; Let's publicize the work of our Valley like never before; Let's care about our members' well-being like never before. Let's really give our members a reason to be proud to be members of the Valley of Cleveland.

I invite you to come along with us on this journey to make "**something new.**" In the near future, you will hear about opportunities to join in focus groups that will help guide us in this work. I invite you to answer the call when you are asked and participate in the future of this fine Valley. I look forward to hearing from you.

Martin R. Woodworth, 33°

Deputy's Representative-Valley of Cleveland

**JOIN ARIEL CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX
FOR THE FEAST OF
THE PASCHAL LAMB
ON SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2021 3 PM
Berea Masonic Center**



OFFICER SPOTLIGHT



This month's Officer Spotlight is Right Worshipful Brother Stephen M. Behm, 1st Lieutenant Commander of Lake Erie Consistory.

Sublime Prince Behm is a graduate of Bellevue Senior High School, earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hiram College (Biology & General Science majors) and received his MBA from Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management. He is currently employed by Mercy Health as an Entrepreneur In Residence.

Raised in Eden Lodge #310 (Bloomville, Ohio; now Seneca Lodge #790) where his father and grandfather were Past Masters, he is now a member and twice Past Master (2000-2002) of Westshore Lodge #804. He served the Grand Lodge of Ohio as District Deputy Grand Master for the 22nd Masonic District in 2009-2011 and is also past-president of the Lorain County Blue Lodge Association. Steve is also a member of Cunningham Chapter #187 and Al Koran Shrine, where his a Past Director of the Krazy Kops.

He joined the Valley of Cleveland in 1998 and is a past president of the Lorain County Scottish Rite Society. RWB John W. Whitehouse, Jr. appointed him to the Lake Erie Consistory line.

Steve resides in Avon Lake with his wife of 30 years, Kim. They have one daughter who resides in Pittsburgh.



THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE RITE CONTINUES

Season Two of Thursday Night at the Rite has begun. This event provides the opportunity for members to witness Scottish Rite Degrees online, from the comfort of their own home. It also provides a joining opportunity for those who are interested in becoming a part of the Scottish Rite. Current members simply sign into the Member Center at <https://scottishritenmj.org/login>. Once you are logged in you can easily access Thursday Night at the Rite from the Landing Page. Here is the schedule of upcoming degrees:

Thursday, March 4th 4th Degree at 7:30 p.m.
13th Degree at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 18th 4th Degree at 7:30 p.m.
22nd Degree at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 15th 4th Degree at 7:30 p.m. 30th Degree at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 29th 4th Degree at 7:30 p.m. 19th Degree at 8:00 p.m.



As you can see, each date provides a joining opportunity for new members by the showing of the 4th Degree. To join, a candidate needs to register himself at <https://tnr.scottishritenmj.org/>. Once his registration is completed, he will receive login credentials to be able to witness the degrees. The candidate MUST see the 4th Degree before he is eligible to witness any other degrees of the Scottish Rite. Also, the candidate must witness the 4th Degree and three other degrees before he is eligible to witness the 32nd Degree.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SOVEREIGN PRINCE

Dear Sublime Princes of Jerusalem,

First, I would like to express my sincere thank you for electing me as your Sovereign Prince for our dear Valley of Cleveland, AASR. I want you to know that it is an honor to be an Officer of this Valley and be serving as your presiding Officer of this exceptional Line of Sublime Princes.

As we are approaching our Spring Reunion, Bahurim Council will exemplify the 15th degree, "Knight of the East and West." Here is some explanation of the degree and the story of the time.

The Persian King CYRUS, during a dream, saw The Almighty God of the Hebrews, who demanded that he give freedom to his people, otherwise he would die. King CYRUS allow Zerubbabel, prince of Judea, born in captivity and Nehemiah, his cupbearer, to return to Jerusalem to rebuild King SOLOMON's Temple.



King Cyrus



Zerubbabel



King Solomon



Zerubbabel and his companions left with the precious furniture's of the First Temple so that they could decorated the new Temple. The Hebrews possessing the qualities of Operative Free Masons, they were authorized, by decree of CYRUS, to pass freely.

CYRUS ordered his general to initiate Zerubbabel in the art of war and then made him a Knight. From here on, Zerubbabel gathered 42,360 Hebrews and retained 7,000, all Operative Free Masons, whom he made them Knights and armed them.

The voyage towards Jerusalem was easy, up to the banks of the Euphrates river, where the front line of the Knights collided with troops preventing them from crossing the river and wanting to steal the precious furniture's of the Temple. The Hebrews completely decimated these pirate troops, without suffering the least human loss. They had just won "the freedom to pass."

When the construction of the Temple began, Zerubbabel learned that the Samaritans wanted to prevent him to reconstruct the second Temple. To defend and continue the rebuilding of the Temple, Zerubbabel armed its workers with a sword held in one hand and a trowel in the other to continue the construction.

Forty-six years later, under the reign of ARTAXERXES, King of Persia (465-425 BC), the Temple was rebuilt and consecrated according to the same protocol used by King SOLOMON for the first Temple.

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING IN OUR NEW HOME:

366 EASTLAND ROAD BEREA, OH 44017

Monday March 1, 2021 4th and 31st Degrees will be presented

ALL ARE WELCOME AT 7:00 PM

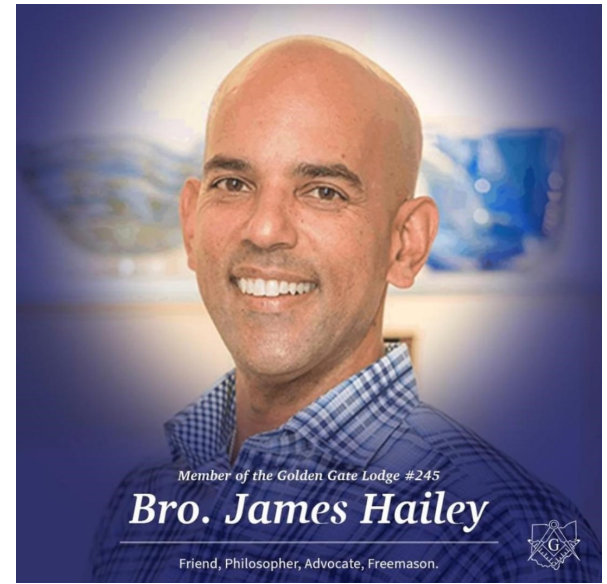
GRAND LODGE PUBLIC RELATIONS: THIS IS OHIO FREEMASONRY



The Grand Lodge's "Mason Mondays" social media campaign continues to be an important component of the "This is Ohio Freemasonry" brand campaign. Each Monday a different Brother from around the state of Ohio is featured with his picture, basic information, and a response to one of the program questions. All brethren featured are also highlighted on

freemason.com showcasing the diversity of backgrounds and interests of Ohio Freemasonry.

The Valley of Cleveland has had many of its members showcased throughout Mason Mondays. Most recently it featured Sublime Prince James Hailey of Golden Gate Lodge. Sublime Prince Hailey joined the Valley in the spring of 2018 and is currently serving as Senior Warden of his lodge.



JUST ANNOUNCED BY SUPREME COUNCIL: DEGREES ON DEMAND

We're working hard to find new and innovative ways to enhance your Scottish Rite membership. Live NOW through 11:59 pm on Thursday, February 25, members can access **on demand** the first four degrees shown at Thursday Night at the Rite, Season Two.

Simply visit tnr.srnmi.org and log in to watch a selection of degrees at a time that works with your schedule. The degrees offered are the 10°, 17°, 23°, and the 27°. And yes, passport credit will be issued!

SCOTTISH RITE
SEASON TWO
THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE RITE
ON DEMAND
You asked... and we've answered. From February 19th to February 26th, you have the opportunity to watch the first four episodes of Thursday Night at the Rite - Season 2 on demand!
SEASON 2 - EPISODE 1
10° • Master Elect
SEASON 2 - EPISODE 2
17° • Knight of the East and West

CLEVELAND CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTER HAS MOVED TO A NEW HOME!



The Cleveland Masonic Center was home to our Children's Dyslexia Center since it opened its doors in February of 2000. On February 13, 2021, the Center moved with the Valley of Cleveland to Rocky River, Ohio. This was possible through the hard work of the members and Advisors of Denbrook Chapter, Order of DeMolay. The newly renovated Center features a reception area, a parent waiting room, office space for the Director and a large tutoring area.



Over the past 21 years, the Cleveland Center has successfully tutored several hundred children.

Even with the current pandemic, the Center has continued to function with tutors being trained to tutor virtually using Zoom. Currently, there are 8 full-time tutors, 4 trainees, and 23 students enrolled. We are hopeful that we will be able to resume normal operations as soon as it is deemed safe to do so.



The Board of Governors is grateful to the members of the Valley of Cleveland for their continued support which is enabling our Center to change the lives of the children we serve!



JOIN THE STAGE CREW

It is time once again to begin the work of the Stage Crew and I am hoping that you might consider assisting us with this important effort.

Become a part of a special Team that makes it all happen for the ritual work of the Valley, Even if you only have an hour or 2 to give, your donation of time and talent will be appreciated,



The Schedule of Rehearsal dates thru the end of April is included in this newsletter and note that we try to keep the calling of Crew to the Tech and Dress Rehearsals, together with the degree portrayal.

Should you wish to become a member of the Stage Crew or have any questions, please contact the **Stage Manager, Tim Daley**, via e mail at tdaley1861@aol.com or via phone at 216-486-1298 and he would be happy to talk with you.

VALLEY OF CLEVELAND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

THIS IS A REPRINT FROM LAST MONTH. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE ALL OF OUR MEMBERS ARE AWARE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES.

The Valley of Cleveland Scholarship Committee is pleased to offer three scholarship program opportunities to the members of our Valley. The requirements and applications for each of those scholarships are listed below. The deadline to apply for these scholarships is **April 1, 2021**. All applications can be sent to the Valley of Cleveland Office or emailed to the Valley Secretary at the address listed on each application form.

The Ross and Joyce Black Scholarship was established to provide college or trade school scholarships to graduating High School Seniors whose father, step-father, grandfather or step-grandfather are members of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Cleveland, **or** who are a member of DeMolay, Rainbow or Jobs Daughters. It is non-renewable. Here is the link: <https://aasrcleveland.org/the-ross-joyce-black-scholarship/>

The Leon M. Abbott Scholarship is administered through the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. It provides financial support for the continuing undergraduate and graduate education of Scottish Rite Masons, young men and women from Scottish Rite families, and Masonic-related youth groups. It is renewable. Here is the link: <https://scottishritenmj.org/abbott>

The Donald R. James Medical Scholarship provides scholarships to students who are pursuing a career in medicine, dentistry, or sports medicine, and who meet the specific criteria of the scholarship. It may be applied to **tuition only** and cannot exceed fifty percent of the amount of tuition. It cannot be used for books, room & board or other incidental expenses. It is a renewable scholarship.

Here is the link: <https://aasrcleveland.org/the-donald-r-james-scholarship/>

The awarding or non-awarding of a scholarship and the amount of each of the scholarships is in the sole and absolute discretion of the Valley of Cleveland Scholarship Committee, whose decision is final. The deadline to apply for these scholarships is **April 1, 2021**.



FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

When Donna and I finished moving the office from 36th and Euclid to our new Rocky River location (a big shout out to Ted and Trevor Cutts and Corey Snodgrass for their help), I was saddened that after 100 years in that location, we would no longer have a presence there. Out of those 100 years, I have been a member for over 38 years and recall some exciting times belonging to the Valley. My impression on first seeing the degree work, my excitement at being able to call myself a 32nd degree Mason, and my first participation in conferring the degrees which led me to finally become Most Wise Master of Ariel Chapter of Rose Croix and a 33rd degree Mason.

Now, we enter a new phase for the Valley. One that is full of hope for a future of prosperity and growth. We are no longer tied to one building. Plans are being discussed at not only having reunions in Berea, but in the east side as well. As we crawl out of the Covid mess, we will be able to see activities that not only will benefit the members, but their family and friends as well.

Be a part of this wonderful future for the Valley. You will not regret it.

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VALLEY TO PORTRAY 4th and 31st DEGREES ON MONDAY MARCH 1, 2021 at 7 PM

Immediately following the conclusion of the Four Coordinate Body Business Meeting on Monday, March 1st, the Valley of Cleveland will be portraying the 4th and 31st degrees.

The 4th Degree, “The Builder”, is being presented by the Eliadah Lodge of Perfection.

“We all face challenges in our daily lives and discover that our Grand Master Hiram Abif was called upon to face an insurmountable task: to create a home for God on Earth. In this, the Fourth Degree, Hiram joins with his Brothers in reverence to God to build a physical, spiritual, and moral temple – the Holy of Holies”

The 31st Degree, “Mt Brother’s Keeper”, will follow the 4th Degree, and is being presented by the members of the Medina County Scottish Rite Society.

This degree, My Brother’s Keeper, dramatically exemplifies two of the three Scottish Rite Core Values – Integrity, and Service; and serves to remind us of our Masonic Obligation. This obligation forms the Vision of the Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction that “We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligations to care for our members.”

Please join us in viewing these two degrees.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR VALLEY OF CLEVELAND

ALL EVENTS AT THE BEREA MASONIC CENTER

- Monday, March 1 at 7 PM– Conferral of the 4th Degree and the 30th Degree
 - Sunday, March 28 at 3 PM – Observance of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb
 - Monday, April 5 at 7 PM – Valley of Cleveland Annual Meeting and Elections
 - Friday, April 23rd & Saturday, April 24th – Spring Reunion
 - Monday, May 3 at 7 PM – Installation of 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 the meeting in March.

AN INVITATION FROM YOUR MOST WISE MASTER

The Officers of Ariel Chapter Rose Croix would like to invite you, your Family and Friends to attend the Solemn Ceremonial: *The Feast of the Paschal Lamb* on Palm Sunday March 28, 2021 at the Berea Masonic Complex beginning at Three O'clock sharp. Please come and be part of Scottish Rite’s most beautiful public Ceremony as we honor our departed brethren and commemorate both Easter and Passover as we celebrate the New Law of Love!

I hope to see you all on Sunday March 28, 2021 at 3:00 PM in Berea.

Bob Anderson
Most Wise Master
Ariel Chapter Rose Croix



2021 Scottish Rite Rehearsal Dates for Berea Temple (Updated 2-16-2021)

February

Thurs Feb 18 – 4th Degree Tech Rehearsal – 6pm
31st Degree Tech Rehearsal – 7pm (Crew at 5pm / Cast at 6pm for Robe Fitting)

Sun Feb 21 – Feast Rehearsal (Staging & Read Through) – 1pm
Fri Feb 26 – 4th Degree Dress Rehearsal – 6pm
31st Degree Dress Rehearsal – 7pm (Crew at 5pm)

March

Mon March 1 – 4 Coordinate Meeting – 7pm & Portrayal of the 4th & 31st Degree (Crew at 6pm)

Thurs March 4 – 32nd Degree Rehearsal – 7pm
Fri March 12–Rehearsals (Staging & Read Through) – 6pm – 4th
(Staging & Read Through) - 7pm - 14th

Sun March 14 – Feast Tech Rehearsal – 1pm (Crew at 12Noon)
Fri March 19 – 15th Degree Rehearsal (Staging & Read Through) – 6:30pm

Sun March 21 – 18th Degree Rehearsal (Staging & Read Through) – 1pm

Thurs March 25–Rehearsals – 6pm – 4th
7pm - 14th

Fri March 26 – Feast Dress Rehearsal – 7pm (Crew at 5pm)
Sun March 28 – Portrayal of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb – 3pm (Crew at 1pm)



April

Sun April 11–Reunion Tech Rehearsals – (Crew beginning at 12 Noon and throughout the day)
1pm - 32nd (Cast at 12Noon for Robe Fitting)
3pm - 18th (Cast at 2pm for Robe Fitting)
5pm - 15th (Cast at 4pm for Robe Fitting)

Fri April 16–Reunion Tech Rehearsals – 6pm – 4th (Crew at 5pm)
7pm - 14th

Sun April 18–Reunion Dress Rehearsals – 1pm – 15th (Crew beginning at 12 Noon and throughout the day)
3pm - 18th
5pm – 32nd

Thurs April 22–Reunion Dress Rehearsals – 6pm – 4th (Crew at 5pm)
7pm - 14th

Fri April 23 & Sat April 24 – 2 Day S. Rite Reunion (Final Details Yet To Be Determined)

Sun April 25 – Reunion Clean Up Day – 1pm