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SPRING REUNION HONOR JOHN KOHLER VALLEY IS BACK IN FULL SWING

On Friday April 23 and Saturday April 24, 2021 we held our first reunion in the Berea Masonic Center. It was great to see the cast, stage crew, officers and members back in force as we honored Sublime Prince John Kohler, 32° MSA with the class of candidates.

The degree work was great and Sublime Prince Kohler inspired the class and all in attendance with his remarks.



CONSIDER PURCHASING A LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Valley has a Life Membership program which is open to all members. The cost is age dependent and ranges from \$1955.76 for a member who is 21 and decreases in amount the older the member is. For example, a member who is 30 years of age pays \$1854.84, a 40 year old member pays \$1699.11 and a 50 year old member pays \$1492.05. The advantage of the program is (1), it locks in the cost of your membership for life at a discounted rate and avoids any potential dues increase in the future, (2) and it eliminates those annual dues notices from the organization. The break even in terms of years based on our current dues structure of \$87 per year is in the range of 13-20 years depending on age at the time of participation. If a life member should die or be suspended from his Blue Lodge, no refund will be issued.

If you have some of that stimulus money left over, now might be the time to join the Valley as a life member. If you need more information or assistance in becoming a life member, please contact the Valley Secretary, Robert Thomas at 216-432-2370.

Tom Lindsey, Treasurer

**Life
Membership**

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

On May 3rd, the Valley of Cleveland installed a new corps of officers. Two new presiding officers were installed at that time: Sublime Prince Robert Roy Nilsen was installed as Most Wise Master of Ariel Chapter, Knights of Rose Croix and Sublime Prince Steven Behm was installed as Commander-in-Chief of Lake Erie Consistory.



Bob's Masonic journey started at age 13 when he was initiated into Fairview Park Chapter, Order of DeMolay in November of 1973. Bro. Nilsen served as Master Councilor and a State Officer for 4 years and a recipient of the PMC-MSA, Degree of Chevalier and the Legion of Honor.

Bro. Nilsen was raised in Fairview Lodge #699 (now John W. Barkley #621) where he served 4 terms as Worshipful Master. He is also a 3-time Past President of the CCBLA, a Past High Priest of Summit-Baker Chapter RAM, an officer of Windermere Council R & SM and a member of Forest City & Oriental Commanderies. Bro. Nilsen is currently serving in the elected line of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons as Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Other Masonic endeavors include memberships in Al Koran Shrine, The River Chapter OES, Royal Order of Scotland, St. Benedict Conclave - Red Cross of Constantine and Cleveland York Rite College where he is an officer and ritual director. Bob is also a member of Prokop-Velky Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Bob is a 1978 graduate of Max S. Hayes Vocational High School in Cleveland and is employed by Summa Health in Akron where he is Manager of Analytics and Artificial Intelligence Imaging Services.

Bob's mother Venita is a Past Deputy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and his father Roy who passed away in 2007 was a Meritorious Service awardee of our Valley. Bro. Nilsen lives in Twinsburg with his wife of 23 years, Sue and dog Sassy.



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

**JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING
IN SEPTEMBER.**

NO MEETING IN JUNE.

Monday September 13, 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

AT 7:00 PM



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RETIRING REMARKS FROM OUR MOST WISE MASTER



Brethren and Sublime princes all. I find it hard to believe that it has been over Ten years since I had been appointed to the Officer Line of Ariel Chapter Rose Croix. When I first began the journey it seemed somewhat overwhelming but before I knew it I was serving as Most Wise Master of the best Chapter of Rose Croix that I know of. It is a bitter sweet feeling knowing that my services as an Officer have come to an end but I can with all sincerity say that my duties to the Valley of Cleveland were fulfilling and enjoyable and I will continue to serve in the future.

It has been my distinct pleasure and great honor to be a part of such a great organization, all of which was made possible by so many great people. I want to thank Illustrious Brother Spisak for appointing me to the Line. The Members of the Board for their advice and guidance. The officers of Eliadah Lodge of Perfection, Bahurim Council and Lake Erie Consistory for their Brotherhood and support throughout the years. To the officers of Ariel Chapter: None of this could have happened without your support and dedication to

the craft. To each of you I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. Most of all I want to thank the love of my Life, Debbie, for being so understanding and supportive and putting up with so many late nights and weekends alone. Thank you one and all.

Fraternally,

Bob Anderson

Past Most Wise Master

RETIRING REMARKS FROM OUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

As my service as an Officer in the Valley of Cleveland comes to a close, I've been given the opportunity to share a few thoughts with everyone.

It has definitely been an interesting experience serving as an Officer in the Valley. When I received the phone call asking me to consider this, it was a real surprise as I was not at all active within the Scottish Rite. I did not know any of my fellow Officers and very few Valley members outside of those in my own Lodge. That changed in a hurry, and with attending the many different activities of the Valley I came to know many of our members, some very well. One special experience was that through a connection made with an Officer of the Valley of Canton, I was able to visit my Grandfather's Lodge in Strasburg, Ohio – something that I had always wanted to do.



Looking at the changes that have occurred in the Valley over the past several years, and in particular the last (2) years, it is amazing that we have all come through this as well as we did – this was the result of a lot of teamwork, long days and nights, numerous emails and phone calls, and dedication on the part of many different members. The Reunion held on April 23rd – 24th went very well; the fact that this was a “first” in so many ways made this even more outstanding. This is a reflection on the spirit of our Valley and something we should all take pride in.

This does not mean that our work is finished – there remains much to do in order to keep moving forward as there are challenges and changes still ahead of us. There is a place for all members of the Valley, whether you are interested in performing in the Degrees, working on the Stage Crew, serving on the existing and/or new Committees, as well as participating in your local County Societies to name a few examples. Now more than ever is the time when opportunity is knocking, so please take advantage of this and let your voice be heard.

It would take numerous paragraphs to acknowledge all of the people who have helped and supported me during my time as an Officer in the Valley – there are many of you. I do want to publicly thank the past and present Officers of the Lake Erie Consistory for their friendship and support over the past 11 years, and I wish the current Officers the best as they continue serving the Valley. I also wish to thank the Board of Trustees for their help over the past two years while I served as Commander in Chief in one of the more “interesting” times in our history. Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank my family for their support and understanding, particularly over the past few years.

Please stay safe and healthy in the upcoming months. There are several activities planned for the Valley, including our first “Outdoor Degree” being performed by the Lodge of Perfection. I hope to see you at some of these events.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Scott Bratton

OUTDOOR DEGREE MAKING HISTORY

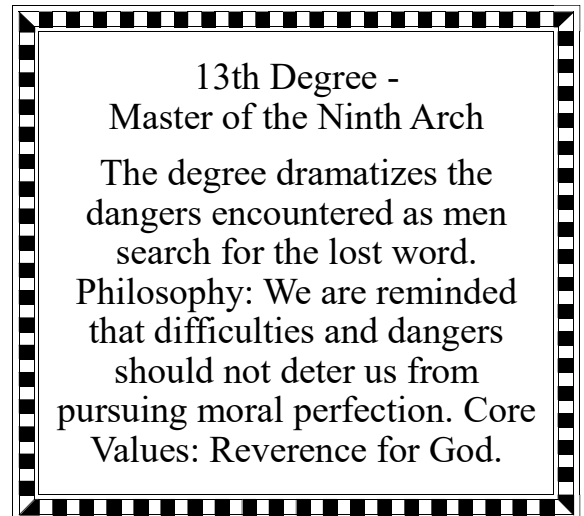
You may have attended an outdoor Master Mason Degree or even a Mark Master Degree, but I bet you have never attended an outdoor Scottish Rite Degree. On July 31, 2021, the Eliadah Lodge of Perfection will present the 13th Degree in an outdoor setting. This is the first Scottish Rite outdoor degree performed by the Valley of Cleveland and promises to be unique experience.

It will be held at the home of Sublime Prince Willie Stamper: 4131 Avon Lake Road, Litchfield Ohio 44253. 13° Master of the Ninth Arch - This degree teaches that difficulties and dangers, however great, should not deter the true and faithful brother from progressing onward to perfection. It teaches the great truth that the finest things in life come only as the result of constant and often painful effort.

A burger and hot dog, or a burger and brat will be available before the evening begins at a cost of \$15.00. Once the cost has been covered, any surplus will be donated to the Children's Dyslexia Center Cleveland.

Dinner will begin at 5:30PM, with time for fellowship after. Refreshments will be provided along with a side. The 4th degree video will start promptly at 7PM, with the 13th to follow. This is a great opportunity for all new candidates to begin their Scottish Rite journey in a unique way. If there are no new candidates for the evening, we will begin the 13th at 7PM.

Reservations will be required to insure we have enough for all. Although there is a fair amount of space to park, carpooling would be appreciated to insure room for all. Also, since this is an outdoor setting, please bring a chair. Dress for the evening will be casual. Make sure to bring your passport to get stamped. Reservations will be through Eventbrite. Watch for more information via email.



**CONSIDER
BECOMING
A "FRIEND" OF THE
DYSLEXIA CENTER**

Now that many of the restrictions on meeting together are being lifted, it is an opportune time to remind everyone of the need to support the Children's Dyslexia Center - Cleveland.

One of the ways to show support is to become a "Friend of the Cleveland Learning Center". We are a group that was formed for the purpose of supporting the Center's fund raising efforts, to sponsor programs of interest relating to dyslexia and to have members well informed and available to speak to other groups about our Dyslexia Center.

Over the last ten years or longer, we have supported various fund raising activities including: holiday ornament sales, bake sales, spaghetti dinners, auction, and most importantly the annual Walk Event and "Souper Bowl" Party. We even managed to receive a sizable donation when we helped as volunteers at a National Barbie Doll Convention held in downtown Cleveland a number of years ago.

The members of the "Friends" group, over the years, have been basically brother Masons and members of Eastern Star. Other members have been tutors, previous tutors and parents of current and former students.

If you would like to know more about becoming a member of "The Friends of the Cleveland Learning Center", please feel free to call Creighton Bradler at 440-526-8464. **All are welcome to join!!!**

PANDEMIC COULD NOT PREVENT DYSLEXIA CENTER RIBBON CUTTING AND CELEBRATION

By: James R. Huff

April 10, 2021, was a “red letter” day for the Children's Dyslexia Center of Cleveland! The festivities of the day began in the early afternoon with a ribbon cutting ceremony that included the Sovereign Grand Commander, David A. Glattly helping with the honors. Members of the Board of Governors, the Center Director and invited guests were in attendance to meet and welcome Commander Glattly and his spouse, Monica.

Over the 20 year history of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Cleveland, there have been over 230 kids helped through the approved Orton-Gillingham method. Nationally there are over forty Children's Dyslexia Centers that have helped almost 15,000 kids over the last 25 years. During the COVID-19 pandemic there have been over 6,000 Zoom tutoring lessons.

The weather was warm and sunny as the purple ribbon was stretched across the outside of the building in front of the Center. On the count of three, Commander Glattly and the Chairman of the Board cut the ribbon while the members of the Board of Governors stood side by side holding the ribbon while all the others gathered together to watch and applaud the official cut! A moment of celebration followed with an appropriate toast of “sparkling grape juice” offered in engraved commemorative glasses to mark the occasion. Closing remarks by the Commander were enjoyed by all before leaving the facility and traveling to the Berea Masonic Center for the recognition ceremony welcoming the newest members of the Builder's Council.



The room was full and there was excitement in the air! Commander Glattly officially presented the coveted “green ties” to the 10 newest members of the Builder's Council in attendance. The Commander paid tribute to the Valley for its support of our Learning Center over the years and expressed his personal gratitude to those who had stepped forward to become members of the Builder's Council. The current members and newest members of the Builder's Council were recognized and greeted with resounding applause following a brief history detailing the success of our wonderful Center. The afternoon ended with a sense of pride knowing that the Center owes its success to a stellar staff and the generosity of its many supporters. Everyone was treated to great fellowship and dinner following the event.



Pictured to the right is our Sovereign Prince Franck Kakou and Commander Glattly. Franck is the proud owner of the only pink tie in the World to support our Dyslexia Center. Ask him how he got it and he will reply, “It's all for the kids!”





**Annual
AASR Valley of Cleveland & Al Koran Shriners
Golf Outing & Steak Dinner**

Pleasant Hills Golf Course
13461 Aquila Road, Chardon, OH 44024
Saturday July 17th, 2021
Registration: 8:30 am
Tee Time: 10:00 am Shot Gun - Scramble

\$80.00 per person all included.
Dinner to go: \$38.00 per person.

Entry fee includes: Green fees with Cart – 4-man scramble format.
Hot Dog & 1 draft beer at the turn.

Dinner at 2:30 pm: Prime Rib, baked potatoes, 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



Name(s)

Team entry

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 7th (sign making process).

For payment please call: AASR Valley of Cleveland
At: Ill. Robert Thomas
Secretary
Office: 216.432.2370

Make all checks payable to: **AASR valley of Cleveland** - Ref: Golf Outing 2021
Payments and reservation must be received NO LATER than July 13th, 2021.