# 4 COORDINATE BODY COMMUNICATOR



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## **OUTDOOR DEGREE A SUCCESS!!!**

As August wanes, and the summer sun slowly fades into the night like the last drop of ice cream sliding down a child's cone, we look back over the warmth and memories of summer with an equal measure of fondness and regret. Regret for all of the plans we made in spring that went unrealized, and fondness for those that came to pass and exceeded our expectations. One such event was the outdoor portrayal of the 13th degree, Master of the Ninth Arch, by Eliadah Lodge of Perfection and the Valley of Cleveland. This was, as far as we know, the first time a degree was portrayed in an outdoor setting. It was held at the home of Sublime Prince Willie Stamper. The evening began with a picnic dinner of hot dogs and hamburgers and all the fixings. After a time of eating and fellowship, forty-four Brothers settled in lawn chairs to watch the degree. There were members from the Valleys of Cleveland, Akron, Cambridge, Firelands, and even two visiting Brothers from the Valley of Chicago, in



attendance.

It began with a short educational piece giving some of the history of the degree. This was followed by the cast, supported by five members of the stage crew, presenting a fantastic degree. As a final treat, all those in attendance were presented a special passport coin, engraved with key elements of the degree. After a short closing, the Brothers said their farewells

and slowly dissolved into the night like embers from a fire dissolving into the sky, with genuine smiles and memories of the evening, and whispers of what may become an annual event. Stay tuned...





**Congratulations and** thanks to the cast and crew!!!! Roger Edgington 33° Jason Stitak Dan Hall Michael Columbro Jeff Strah Chuck Johnson Bob Odon Bob Wakefield John Padley Willie Stamper Dr. Ross Black 33° Tim Daley 33° Bud Cygan 33° Scott Croxford MSA Scott Clark Johnny Manis 33°



## DEDICATED SCOTTISH RITE MASONS RECEIVE THEIR MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS



Sublime Prince Donald Ensor received his Meritorious Service Award on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Ohio Council of Deliberation Session in Columbus, Ohio. Don is a Past Master of Medina Lodge #58, Past President of the Medina Scottish Rite Society, Valley of Cleveland "Mummer of the Year" in 2021, and has participated in many of the degrees of the Valley, notably in the 14<sup>th</sup> Degree as well as the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree during Reunions.



Sublime Prince Raymond Hammon

received his Meritorious Service Award at a special presentation held at Triandria Lodge #780 on July 14<sup>th</sup>. (He was unable to attend the Council of Deliberation due to a medical emergency). Ray is a Past Master of Hartsgrove Lodge #397 (merged into Triandria #780), Past President of the Ashtabula Scottish Rite Society, currently serving as Chaplain for

many years, and has been active in degree portrayals over the years. He is a 50+ year member of our Valley as well. A special thank-you to Sublime Prince Linc Jerome, Worshipful Master of Triandria Lodge, for assisting the Valley in this presentation.



At the conclusion of this year's Annual Meeting, the new MSA-Elects were announced. Sublime Prince Ronn Murphy from The Valley of Cleveland has been elected to receive his MSA next year in Cincinnati at the 2022 Ohio Council of Deliberation Annual Meeting. Ronn has participated in many degrees over the years as well as participating in the Stage Crew, and has been in charge of the Wardrobe in recent years. He played a large part in organizing the Wardrobe area in our transition from the Main Auditorium into the DeMolay Room and in our move to Berea. Congratulations to these hard-working and dedicated brothers!

#### **CLEVELAND Children's Dyslexia Center 2021 HOLIDAY ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER**



This is the first of FOUR commemorative ornaments. A new ornament will be made each year. Each one is made of solid wood, is handmade, and comes in four different colors-RED, GREEN, YELLOW, and BLUE. As a result, the ornament may vary slightly from the photo.

Payment must accompany order. Orders will be available to be picked up on the dates below at the Scottish Rite Meeting or we will make arrangements to deliver it to you:

October 4, 2021-Painesville Masonic Temple November 1, 2021-Berea Masonic Temple December 6, 2021-Berea Masonic Temple Ornaments are given with each \$50 donation. Please include your payment, quantity and color (payable to Children's Dyslexia Center-Cleveland) and mail to: Gregory Kita 29612 Grand Blvd Wickliffe, OH 44092

## FROM THE DESK OF THE HOSPITALER

As Autumn draws near and we resume our labors let us not forget those in our circle who are unable to attend their Lodge or other social events. Reach out to them bring them good cheer and warm wishes from your brothers. Perhaps offer some time just to talk about how he remembers what it was like in "his" day; it could be enlightening to you as well.

The Hospitaler Committee members are continuing to reach out with a personal phone call to you just to wish you a good day or perhaps a Happy Birthday. This program is just in its second season and is not fully ramped up but we are getting there. We don't want to wait until their birthdate before someone gives them a call so if you know someone who needs a call, please call me at 330-618-9553 or the Valley Secretary at 216-432-2370 and let us know who needs our help.



We are seeing a resurgence of the need for Social Distancing and self quarantining and as such let's think about that brother next to you, respect his space and above all remember that 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

# Valley of Cleveland Merchandise Shop



We are proud to be a part of the Valley of Cleveland AASR, and we want our members to feel that way too. With this high-quality merchandise, you will be able to show off the pride and true sense of brotherhood that this Valley has and gives to its members.

We offer t-shirts, sweatshirts, polos, hoodies hats and more.

https://ValleyofCleveland.myspreadshop.com

## **HONORING FRONT LINE HEROES**

This fall, the Scottish Rite, NMJ is honoring our first responders. Throughout time, these individuals have exemplified our core value of Service to Humanity. From 20 years ago during the September 11 Attacks to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, our first responders have always been the front line heroes of our communities.

We have many first responders among our Masonic ranks. JOIN US AT THE FALL REUNION AS WE HONOR FIRST RE- tont Line Here A State A Stat

SPONDERS (Active and Retired). Call the Valley Office to learn more 216-432-2370.

## VALLEY PICNIC WAS A GREAT WAY TO END THE SUMMER



On Saturday, September 12 the Valley of Cleveland hosted a family picnic at Volunteer Park in Strongsville. The kids loved the nearby playground while the adults had fun playing bocce ball and corn hole. Everyone enjoyed the meal of hamburgers and hot dogs grilled to perfection by our

own Commander-in Chief Steve Behm. Side dishes and desserts were brought by the membership. If you missed this fun event make sure you make it for next year. It was certainly a special day for the Valley.



### TAKE A RIDE ON THE SENIC RAILROAD

There seems to be some confusion about the upcoming train ride on The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. So here are a few notes, which I hope, will clear things up.

The Valley did NOT purchase a block of group tickets. We were encouraged to go to their website (www.CVSR.org) and buy them ourselves. We did this for a couple reasons. First, since there is a variety of seating choices, you can choose the one right for you and your family. Next, since it is open to all, you can choose where and how many seats you want. Finally, by booking it direct with CVSR, we do not incur any additional fees.



When buying the tickets, you will choose the 1PM train on Sat, Oct 9th, departing from the Rockside station. We would like everyone to arrive by 12:15PM to sign in and be prepared for a group photo at 12:30pm, before boarding. The train leaves at 1PM and travels south to Peninsula. Once there you will be able to get off the train and wander around, get lunch, whatever, for two hours, Then board the train and travel back north. If you choose, you can simply stay on the train and travel back.

### NEXT MEETING-RITE ON THE ROAD MONDAY OCTOBER 4, 2021 PAINESVILLE MASONIC TEMPLE 88 N. St. Clair Street, Painesville 44077 7 PM 4th and 19th Degrees GREAT TIME TO BRING CANDIDATES TO START THEM ON THEIR SCOTTISH RITE JOURNEY

## 7 RECEIVE 33° AT SUPREME COUNCIL IN CLEVELAND

A wonderful time was had by all at the Supreme Council Session in Cleveland. On Saturday Donna sand I checked into the Westin Hotel to set up the Hospitality Room which was open every day. A big thank you to Alan and Sally Jones for their help. Afterwards a few of us went to the nearby Winking Lizard for dinner.

Sunday, the Valley Dinner was at the Chocolate Bar in Cleveland who opened for us exclusively (Thanks to Most Wise Master Robert Nilsen). Fine food and fellowship was enjoyed by those who were present. The candidates were not able to attend this as they had their own celebration with Supreme Council. As always, the candidates are treated like royalty.

Next was a beautiful Vespers Service at Public Hall. Over \$8,200 was raised for the Almoner's Fund. Monday started with the General Business Session which was interrupted by a ventriloquist. It was also announced that Sovereign Grand Commander Illustrious David A. Glattly, 33° was retiring. Illustrious Peter J. Samiec, 33° installed as Sovereign Grand Commander. Commander Glattly had visited Cleveland during

the ribbon cutting ceremony for our Learning Center. He will certainly be missed! Illustrious Doulas Kaylor, 33° also officially stepped down as Deputy for Ohio. He will be replaced by Illustrious Richard Heldman, 33° from the Valley of Cambridge. It was then on to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for a light dinner and liquid refreshments. A band played Beatles music and music from the band Journey. I enjoyed the displays while Donna was enjoying the Beatles music.

On Tuesday the 33rd Ceremony was held at Public Hall. After watching a beautiful and memorable ceremony, 7 candidates from Cleveland were coroneted 33rd Degree Masons and received their rings: Illustrious Scott E. Bratton, 33° Illustrious Robert C. Cygan, 33° Illustrious Timothy M. Daley, 33° Illustrious Arthur D. Dunger, 33° Illustrious Robert C. Hagar, 33° Illustrious David R. Hildebrandt, 33° Illustrious Johnny F. Manis, 33°

Over 300 members and their ladies then had the Ohio State Dinner at the Westin. Several members of the Supreme Council stopped by the Hospitality Room and stated how great and fun the volunteers were and how Illustrious Martin Woodworth, 33° did an outstanding job in coordinating the volunteers. Also thanked was Illustrious George Tilden, 33° for helping all the Valleys get settled into their rooms. Pictured below are some of the members of the Valley of Cleveland who attended the conferral of the 33rd Degree. The Valley of Cleveland should be very proud of their work at the Supreme Council session.

Fraternally, *Robert W. Thomas,* 33°







## JOIN THE VALLEY OF CLEVELAND STAGE CREW

Should any Brother wish to join the Stage Crew and be formally added to the Stage Crew Roster, they are invited to inform me of their request and advise as of how they wish to have their name listed and confirm the e mail address and phone number they want me to use in the future.

Even if you have only an hour or 2 to give, it would be greatly appreciated. As always, any questions please feel free to contact me via my cell at 216-486-1298.

Thanks for your support of our Valley, your efforts are appreciated. I look forward to your reply. All the dates of rehearsals are listed below.

Fraternally,

*Jim Daley, 33*° Stage Manager

Sunday, September 26th Off Degrees Staging Rehearsals (2 Hrs each) 1pm - 9th Degree 3pm - 10th Degree 5pm - 5:30pm - Stage crew break and meal 5:30pm - 21st Degree

Sunday, October 17th Tech Rehearsals (1.5 Hrs each) 12:30pm - 10th Degree 2pm - 21st Degree 3:30pm - 4pm Stage crew break and meal 4pm - 32nd Degree

Friday, October 22nd Tech Rehearsals 6pm - 4th Degree 7pm - 9th Degree

Sunday, October 24th Tech Rehearsals (1.5 Hrs each) 12:30pm - 10th Degree 2pm - 21st Degree 3:30pm - 4pm Stage crew break and meal 4pm - 32nd Degree

Thursday, October 28th Tech Rehearsals 6pm - 4th Degree 7pm - 9th Degree

Final times for the Reunion on Oct. 29th and 30th have not been determined, nor has the time for the Clean Up Date of Oct 31st been set as well.



## DYSLEXIA CENTER TO HOST CHARITY TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER 13, 2021

2:00 PM ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2021, REGISTRATION @ 1 PM You and your friends are invited to the Texas Hold'em Tournament on November 13; please help us spread the word.

The tournament takes place at the Euclid Masonic Temple (27271 Tungsten Road, Euclid 44123).

Here are the important things to know about the Texas Hold'em Tournament:

Entry Fee \$50 Includes Refreshments & non-alcoholic beverages \$2,000 in chips

Seats (players) are limited to 100

Over \$2,500 in Prize Money if all seats are filled

Two \$20 rebuy/Add-on anytime in the first hour for additional \$2000 in chips

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO: CHILDREN"S DYSLEXIA CENTER-CLEVELAND

Registration 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM at the event Register before October 1 & get \$250 bonus chips

Tournament Starts at 2:00 PM

Checks payable to Children's Dyslexia Center-Cleveland

Send your check and player's name to: Gregory Kita 29612 Grand Blvd Wickliffe, Ohio 44092





## LORAIN COUNTY SOCIETY DINNER OCTOBER 7-ELYRIA

Our dinners will resume on October 7, 2021 at the Elyria Masonic Center 251 Sixth Street, Elyria with our traditional Chicken Paprikash and Cabbage Rolls, for only \$15.00. This Quarterly meeting of the Lorain County Scottish Rite Society Annual Meeting with Elections and Installation of Officers. 2022 Dues Card available for everyone who is signed up for dinner. Our dues remain at \$10.00. The year 2020 was a blur and 2021 was a mere shadow of how we use to be. Let's start off with the first Quarterly meeting of 2022 the beginning of one of our best years.

Dinner menu: Chicken Paprikash, Cabbage Rolls, Salad, Green Beans, Rolls, Pies, Beverages BY RESERVATION ONLY & NO RESERVATIONS AFTER SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

All reservations must be paid unless cancelled before the deadline. Reservations to: CARL HECKERT 440-775-3828 carl\_marcia@hotmail.com RON RUNION 330-618 9553 rlrunion@gmail.com DICK STEINHOFF 440-985-2445 steinhoff787@oh.rr.com The Board of Trustees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Cleveland 1150 Linda Street Rocky River, Ohio 44116 Non-Profit Organization U. S. Postage

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#### DATED MATERIAL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/25/21 Lake Geauga Steak Roast Painesville
10/4/21 RITE ON THE ROAD

4 Coordinate Body Meeting Painesville

10/9/21 CVSR Train Ride
10/29 and 30, 2021 Fall Reunion Berea
11/13/21 Children's Dyslexia Center

Texas Hold'em Tournament

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FALL REUNION: October 29 and 30, 2021 BEREA MASONIC CENTER Contact Valley Office for Petitions (216) 432-2370