

# 4 COORDINATE BODY COMMUNICATOR



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## SPRING REUNION HONORS III. DENNIS L. LAWSON, 33<sup>o</sup>

On Friday May 5 and Saturday May 6, 2023 the Valley of Cleveland held our Spring Reunion in honor of Illustrious Dennis L. Lawson 33<sup>o</sup>. The officers and members conferred the 4th, 14th, 15th, 18th, and 32nd Degrees. All degrees were performed LIVE with a great class of new members. Over 150 members of our Valley contributed to the success of the Reunion as the cast and stage crew. Thanks to all of those who participated and CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST SUBLIME PRINCES OF THE ROYAL SECRET! Come out and be a part of the great things happening in the Valley of Cleveland.



**JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING JUNE 5, 2023  
WESTERN RESERVE MASONIC COMMUNITY**

**Our next Four Coordinate Body Meeting will be on Monday, June 5th at the  
Western Reserve Masonic Community.**

**Dinner at 6:00 PM. Reservations due May 31, 2023**

**<https://AwardsNightDinner.eventbrite.com>**



# RETIRING REMARKS FROM OUR MOST WISE MASTER

Brethren All,



As I shared during the reception of the Past Most Wise Masters of Ariel Chapter at our recent Spring Reunion, there are times when you just can't find appropriate words to translate emotional impact and feelings to others. My 11 years as an officer of Rose Croix has enhanced my appreciation of being a Scottish Rite Mason for the past 39 years. It's humbling from the standpoint that someone saw fit to offer you the opportunity to help guide the Valley in new Chapters in its Book of Life. It is rewarding to be on a team that does so much good for others. It is eye-opening to realize the amount of planning and vision that takes place in the background to maintain a structured environment in which to establish relationships built on virtue and integrity. And it is overwhelming to acquire more and more people in your life that you sincerely refer to as Brother.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Valley of Cleveland. I look forward to many more years of serving those that shall lead us into the future.

Fraternally yours,

**Robert R. Nilsen**

Past Most Wise Master-2021-2023

Brother \_\_\_\_\_

Valley of Cleveland



**A.A.S.R.**

Black Hat Program



I have participated in the following events in the Valley of Cleveland:

Event /Petition      Date

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## REMINDER ABOUT The Black Hat Program

The Board of Trustees is continuing an incentive to help you increase your involvement in Scottish Rite through the Black Hat Program. The Black Hat Program gives you the opportunity to earn a free Black 32° Cap. This program is open to every member of the Valley of Cleveland member who is not a MSA, Valley Officer, or Illustrious 33°.

The members who decide to participate must attend at least TEN (10) Valley activities or be the first line signer on a petition will count as one activity. These will be recorded by the brother on his Black Hat Program card. The caps will be presented at a special awards ceremony.

We hope this program will motivate our members to reinvest in the fellowship and ideals of the Scottish Rite!

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# RETIRING REMARKS FROM OUR SOVERIGN PRINCE

Masonic labor is truly a labor of love, and working alongside valued and trusted Brothers is one of the most fulfilling ways to express our love of our Craft. Yet there are times when we all, as human beings, become fatigued in our efforts. The strong temptation we may face is to become complacent and perhaps even frustrated. Unfortunately many men don't realize that complacency and even frustration is highly contagious and can deeply affect their Brethren.

Nigh on seventeen years ago, this was a situation in which I found myself as a newer Master Mason.

The time had come for Masonic labors to begin. A Brother to whom I looked for leadership had unceremoniously plunked down into his chair, and loudly grumbled that he didn't know why he bothered "doing this" any more. After adjusting to the initial surprise of such an unexpected utterance, I asked myself a horrifying question: "Then why am I doing this?"

My desire for continued membership in our Fraternity immediately came into question. It had always been my belief that Freemasonry was a noble calling to a much higher purpose and pursuit, and that the deeply esoteric secrets of our Craft were NOT something to lord over other men - they were something for which a man's heart had to be prepared prior to exploration and understanding. What was I to do in the face of such unexpected apathy?

The answer struck me like a bolt out of the blue: become a Scottish Rite Mason and learn even more.

My journey began in 2006, and from that first reunion my heart and intellect were moved in a way I had never experienced before. In particular there were two men who remain giants to me, their imposing yellow caps and noble bearing burning an everlasting image into my memory. I now call these men DEAR friends and Brothers, knowing them now by names that will forever exemplify to me what is best in our Scottish Rite: Illustrious Brothers Eric R. Schau and Ronald L. Runion.

Our Scottish Rite journey is the richness of our teachings, the beauty of our ritual, the gladness of our charitable works, and the men who truly embody the sacred flame of Freemasonry. I returned to my Lodge with renewed vigor to do all I could to support our Fraternity. Quite some time later an invitation would be offered to me to become an officer for the Valley of Cleveland, which remains one of the greatest thrills in my Masonic career. As more than a decade of service to our Valley comes to an end, my heart overflows with gratitude to our Scottish Rite for saving this one Mason whose heart momentarily wavered.

I wish I could do more. I want to do more. And I WILL do more for our Scottish Rite. Only say the word, my Brothers!

Fraternally yours,

*William M. Carter III*

Past Sovereign Prince—2022-2023



## DYSELXIA CENTER WALK SEPTEMBER 16 AT WRMC

Join us for music, fun, games as we raise awareness and money for the Children's Dyslexia Center-Cleveland. We are excited about partnering with the Western Reserve Masonic Community. Forms will be emailed, but here are the details: get sponsors and come have a great time!! Register by August 15, 2023 to receive a commemorative shirt.

**When:** Saturday, September 16, 2023 (rain or shine)

**Time:** 10:00 - 11:00 AM Registration 11:00 AM Start

**Info:** Don Moll 330-225-6307 [dmoll@aol.com](mailto:dmoll@aol.com)  
[www.childrensdyslexiacenters.org](http://www.childrensdyslexiacenters.org)

**FORM INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE**

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# RETIRING REMARKS FROM OUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



Dear Brothers & Sublime Princes All,  
I debated whether to use this opportunity to warn against foreign entanglements or the military industrial complex but have decided to take a different approach, beginning sincere appreciation to several Brothers.

Thank you to the Commanders in Chief who served before me and provided leadership and vision for the Valley. Your mentorship and guidance helped me immensely, and I am forever indebted. Another big thank you to the current officers of Lake Erie Consistory, first and foremost Bob Odon, who supported me immensely throughout my journey and has had my six on more than one occasion. Behind Bob is a very strong line of officers with whom I've had the pleasure to work and whose dedication to the Valley and to the Fraternity

is to be commended. Their labors and leadership have been instrumental to our success and they made my job much easier. Thank you Jay, Brad, Shawn, Jim H., Jim P. and Brian – I wish you nothing but success and know that I remain here to support you however I might.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the valley these last several years, starting out as standard bearer and ultimately having the pleasure of serving as Commander In Chief of Lake Erie Consistory. During this tenure there have been many changes in the Valley and I am confident that we are poised to build on our recent successes and continue to change and grow. The leadership of the Valley is earnestly committed to this growth and I challenge all the members of the Valley to participate and ensure the Valley represents what they want it to be – doing the same things will yield the same results. There is a home for everyone in the Valley – please find it, and if it doesn't exist, create it – this is YOUR Valley!

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the Valley and our members – I am humbled by the experience and wish the Valley nothing but continued success. Know that I remain committed to participate and provide support however I might.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

*Stephen M. Behm*

Commander-In-Chief 2021-2023



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

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.

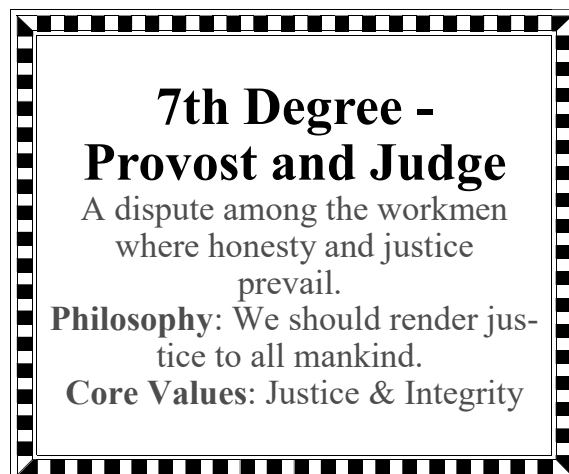
The members of the "Friends" group, over the years, have been basically brother Masons and members of Eastern Star. Other members have been tutors, previous tutors and parents of current and former students.

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!!!**

# OUTDOOR DEGREE FEATURES LOP

The Valley of Cleveland is proud to announce our 3rd Annual Outdoor Scottish Rite Degree. Now that we are in May and the weather is finally beginning to turn, our thoughts begin to look ahead to summer events. If you are like me then the summer calendar fills up quickly, and before you know it, it is Sept and we wonder where the summer went. With this in mind, I wanted to remind everyone to add the date, Sat. July 29th, for the outdoor degree, to their calendar. Pass it along to your lodges, or if you are traveling to other valleys, let them know. If you know of a Master Mason that is interested in joining Scottish Rite, we will be offering the 4th degree video that night as well. Join members of the Lodge of Perfection, both old and new, as we present, the 7th degree, Provost and Judge. If anyone has any questions, or needs more info, please reach out. The cost for the meal will be \$15. The link to sign up and get tickets is below, through Eventbrite. Any funds left over, will be donated to the Children's Learning Center. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at 5:30 PM, with the degrees kicking off around 6:30 PM. Plan to car pool as parking is limited. Thank you.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/valley-of-cleveland-outdoor-portrayal-of-the-seventh-degree-tickets-606771960267?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



To all the members of the Valley of Cleveland:

We are extending a special invitation to you to support your Children's Dyslexia Center

If you, your company, or group would like to sponsor our 20th Annual Walk on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at the Western Reserve Masonic Community, we invite you to pick one of the sponsorship levels listed below.

Children's Dyslexia Center – Cleveland is a tax exempt, Sec. 501(c)3 non-profit corporation of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Children's Dyslexia Center Inc. was established in 1994 as one of the charitable outreach programs of the Supreme Council. Each center provides professional reading and writing language instruction to children and young adults with dyslexia, elementary through high-school age. All services are provided at no cost and without regard to race, color, creed, gender, sect, or Masonic affiliation.

Levels of Sponsorship:

- \$250 - a course marker set along the SK (3 mile) route
- \$500 - a banner to be hung at the registration tent;
- \$1,000 - same as above plus a Plaque from the Board of Governors

Please send your company or group sponsorship contribution to the Children's Dyslexia Center-Cleveland at 1150 Linda Street, Rocky River, OH 44116 before September 1, 2023. Artwork should be sent to Greg Kita at [glgkita@aol.com](mailto:glgkita@aol.com). For questions on the design of the sign or banner, please call 440-364-2278.

Thank you,

*Children's Dyslexia Center – Cleveland Board of Governors*



## TEAM REGISTRATION:

I am walking for Team:

### Participant Liability Agreement:

Please enter me in the "Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia". I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators hereby release Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc. from any all claims, damages, and rights of action I may have, present or future that may arise out of, or be incident to my participation in the Walk event. In addition, I grant permission for the use of my name and/or picture in any photograph, film or videotape of the event for any purpose.

Signature (parent or guardian if under 18 years of age)



1150 Linda Street  
Rocky River, Ohio 44116  
(216) 881-2234

*Register by August 15,  
2023 to receive a shirt.*



### MISSION STATEMENT

- Provide, free of charge, the highest quality multisensory reading and written language tutorials
- services for children with dyslexia, through a network of nationally recognized centers of excellence.
- Promote and encourage education of tutorial trainees, professionals, and the public, to become resources in teaching children to read.
- Advance the body of scientific knowledge of dyslexia through support of clinical research, to improve today's standards and tomorrow's care.

This mission is carried out free of charge, without regards to race, color, sex, creed, sect, or Masonic affiliation.

We're walking to raise money to help children with dyslexia learn to read and write. Up to 1 in 5 U.S. school children are living with dyslexia. Dyslexia can't be cured, but it can be overcome. The program offered at Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc. offers the most effective treatment of its kind in battling this disorder. No one else in the nation has a program remotely like it with one-on-one professional tutoring offered to children free charge and we need your help.



TO HELP CHILDREN WITH DYSLLEXIA



Sponsored by  
Children's Dyslexia Center  
and



WESTERN RESERVE  
MASONIC COMMUNITY

*Take an Important  
Step in the Fight  
Against Dyslexia*

**The 20th Annual  
Valley of Cleveland Walk  
to Help Children with Dyslexia**

Join us for music, fun, games as we raise awareness and money for the Children's Dyslexia Center-Cleveland

When: Saturday, September 16, 2023  
(rain or shine)

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM Registration  
11:00 AM Start

Western Reserve Masonic Community  
4931 Nettleton Road  
Medina, Ohio 44256  
North off Route 18 Half mile west of I-71

Course: 5K (3.1 mi)

Info: Don Moll  
330-225-6307 dmoll@aol.com  
[www.childrensdyslexiacenters.org](http://www.childrensdyslexiacenters.org)

# Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

- ◆ I plan to participate in the WALK. Enclosed is my registration fee of \$25 **only if my donations are not greater than or equal to \$25.**
- ◆ I cannot attend, but enclosed is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ I would like to volunteer the day of the Walk. Please contact me at the phone/email below.

◆ **Register by August 15, 2023 to receive a shirt.**

**Shirt size:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ◆ Please make check payable to:  
*CDC Dyslexia Walk.*
- ◆ Mail your registration form to:  
Children's Dyslexia Center  
1150 Linda Street, Rocky River, OH 44116

# Pledge Form

Walker's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Fundraising goal is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and pledges are tax deductible.
- Please make checks payable to:  
*CDC Dyslexia Walk*
- Pledges will be collected when you check in.

## Sponsors (please print):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Collected: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**GOLF FOR CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTER-CLEVELAND  
JAMES C. GRAMLICH MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING**

FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTERS -CLEVELAND  
SWEETBRIAR GOLF COURSE

750 JAYCOX ROAD AVON LAKE, OHIO 44012

SUNDAY JULY 16, 2023

REGISTRATION 9:00 A.M.

TEE TIMES BEGIN AT 10:00 AM

COST \$ 99.00

INCLUDES GOLF AND CART,  
BOX LUNCH, AFTER GOLF, AWARDS, REFRESHMENTS, DINNER  
LIMITED TO 40 GOLFERS

**FOR RESERVATIONS**

**CONTACT CREIGHTON BRADLER 440-526-8464**

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NAME _____	PHONE _____	EMAIL _____
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A TEE OR GREEN FOR \$ 100.  
FOR \$500 YOU COULD BE A LUNCH OR DINNER SPONSOR OR SPONSOR  
REFRESHMENTS AND APPETIZERS

CONTACT CREIGHTON BRADLER 440-526-8464

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTERS - CLEVELAND  
MAIL TO: DAVID CAZAN

11300 RIVER EDGE DR PARMA, OHIO 44130

OTHER QUESTIONS ??

CREIGHTON BRADLER 440-526-8464 or DAVID CAZAN 440-567-0108