

# 4 COORDINATE BODY COMMUNICATOR



A Publication produced by the Presiding Officers of the Valley of Cleveland

October 2023

**Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite  
Valley of Cleveland  
Invites you and all Master Masons  
seeking further light to attend the 2023 Fall Reunion  
Saturday October 28 and Monday October 30  
at the Berea Masonic Center  
CLASS NAMED IN HONOR OF:  
Illustrious Brother Robert C. Cygan, 33°**



**Invite your Masonic Brothers to be a part of  
the proud Traditions of the Valley of Cleveland**

**FULL SCHEDULE INSIDE**

**For Reservations or for petitions to join the Valley of Cleveland**

**Contact: Ill. Robert W. Thomas, 33°-Secretary**

**216-432-2370      [secretary@aaarcleveland.org](mailto:secretary@aaarcleveland.org)**

# Valley of Cleveland Life Membership Plan

The Valley of Cleveland has had a Life Membership Plan based on the following table (you would multiply the \$87.00 dues by the amount next to your age):

Age	Factor	Age	Factor	Age	Factor	Age	Factor
19	22.69						
20	22.58	40	19.53	60	14.21	80	7.14
21	22.48	41	19.31	61	13.88	81	6.82
22	22.37	42	19.09	62	13.54	82	6.50
23	22.25	43	18.87	63	13.19	83	6.20
24	22.13	44	18.64	64	12.84	84	5.91
25	22.01	45	18.40	65	12.48	85	5.63
26	21.88	46	18.16	66	12.12	86	5.37
27	21.75	47	17.92	67	11.76	87	5.11
28	21.61	48	17.66	68	11.39	88	4.87
29	21.47	49	17.41	69	11.03	89	4.64
30	21.32	50	17.15	70	10.66	90	4.41
31	21.17	51	16.88	71	10.30	91	4.19
32	21.01	52	16.61	72	9.93	92	3.98
33	20.85	53	16.34	73	9.57	93	3.78
34	20.68	54	16.05	74	9.21	94	3.58
35	20.50	55	15.77	75	8.85	95-100	3.39
36	20.32	56	15.47	76	8.50		
37	20.13	57	15.17	77	8.15		
38	19.94	58	14.86	78	7.80		
39	19.74	59	14.54	79	7.47		

The following changes have been made to the plan, effective immediately:

- Life Membership in the Valley of Cleveland will now cost \$1,000.00.
- You can pay all at once, or in four quarterly payments of \$250.00 each.
- Your payment will include the current years' dues.
- Those members whose Life Membership would be lower on the previous table can enroll in that Plan until **December 31, 2023**, and can also make quarterly payments.

Enroll using the following form:

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## Valley of Cleveland Life Membership Plan

**I would like to enroll in the Valley of Cleveland Life Membership Plan.**

**Mail the completed form to: Robert W. Thomas, 33°**

**PO Box 888 Chardon, Ohio 44024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Attached is my payment in full of \$1,000.00.

\_\_\_ Attached is my first quarterly payment of \$250.00.

\_\_\_ I'm enrolling in the old plan. My full payment is attached.

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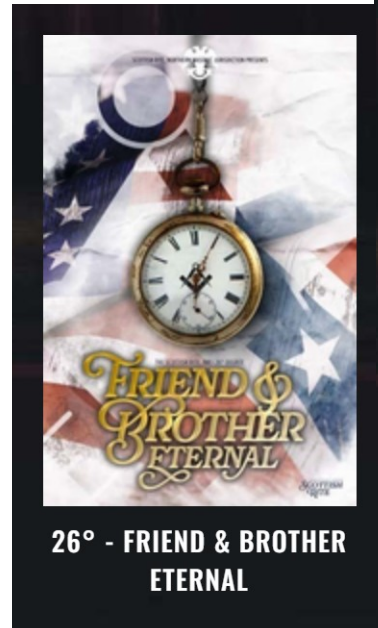
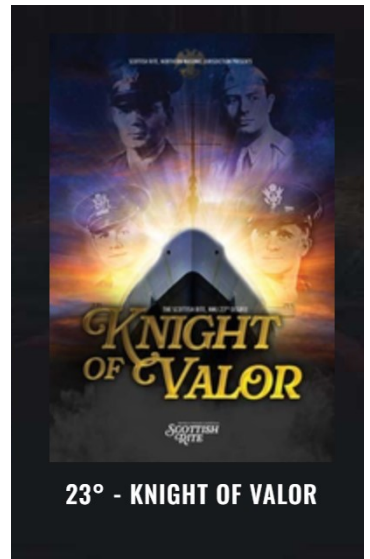
# Schedule for the Valley of Cleveland Fall 2023 Reunion Saturday, October 28, 2023

- 7:00 A.M. Temple Opens
- 7:30 A.M. Registration Opens & Coffee and Pastries
- 8:30 A.M. Welcome & Opening
- 8:45 A.M. **4<sup>th</sup> Degree**, followed by the **23<sup>rd</sup> Degree**
- 10:30 A.M. Class Meeting
- 11:15 A.M. **26<sup>th</sup> Degree** followed by **30<sup>th</sup> Degree**
- 1:00 P.M. Lunch
- 2:00 P.M. Class Photo
- 2:15 P.M. **25<sup>th</sup> Degree**
- 3:15 P.M. Closing

## Monday, October 30, 2023

- 6:00 P.M. Temple Opens
- 7:00 P.M. **32<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

It is not too late to bring your candidate to the Reunion. Contact the AASR Office to register your candidate TODAY!!!



# THE BLUE ENVELOPE

The Blue Envelope Appeal arrived in the mail this month and gives you an opportunity to support the Charities of the Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. For our Valley to get credit in the Valley of Excellence Program, the Valley of Cleveland must have at least 10% or more of its members donate directly through the Blue Envelope Appeal. In the Valley of Cleveland, that equates to 154 members or more. So, what matters is not the size of your donation, but the number of individual donors. While you can designate any of our charities, I would especially like you to consider donating to the Abbott Scholarship Fund. The Abbott Scholarship Fund is the source of some of the scholarships that we give out at our Annual Valley of Cleveland Scholarship Night. What you may not know, is that the amount of money that is available to give to applicants for the Valley of Cleveland is determined **only** by the amount donated in the Blue Envelope Appeal. So, while all of our charities are deserving of our support, the Abbott Scholarship Fund directly effects the children and grandchildren of our members in the Valley of Cleveland. I hope you will consider making a donation to the Blue Envelope Appeal, and especially to the Abbott Scholarship Fund. Blue Envelope Appeal donations to the Abbott Scholarship Fund must be received by the Supreme Council prior to **January 31<sup>st</sup>**. No donation is too small, and every dollar gets returned to deserving children through scholarships.

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## CLEVELAND Children's Dyslexia Center 2023 HOLIDAY ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER



This is the third 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.

Orders will be available to be picked up at the Berea Masonic Center at the Scottish Rite Meetings below or we will make arrangements to deliver it to you:

***December 4, 2023-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**

# DYSLEXIA CENTER TO HOST CHARITY TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER 11, 2023

2:00 PM ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2023, 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



**PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING TO THE BLUE ENVELOPE  
APPEAL. EVEN \$1.00 FROM EVERY MEMBER GOES A  
LONG WAY**



**SCOTTISH RITE**  
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

**THE BLUE  
ENVELOPE**

# Valley of Cleveland Proposed By-Law Changes

The following changes are proposed to the By-Laws of the Valley of Cleveland.

These changes will be voted upon at the Four Coordinate Bodies Meeting on Monday, December 4, 2023.

**Change #1** – refers to the Meetings of the Four Coordinate Bodies. The changes are to bring the By-Laws up to date with our current practice, and to eliminate the meeting location of 3615 Euclid Avenue.

**Article II – Meetings - Section 1.** The regular meetings of the Four Coordinate Bodies shall be held on the first Monday in February, March, April, May, June, September, October, November, and December of each year, unless ordered by the Four Presiding Officers, in the Masonic Temple Building at 3615 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting held on the first Monday of March, April or May shall be the Annual Meeting (as determined by the Board of Trustees).

***Be amended to read as follows: Article II – Meetings - Section 1.*** The regular meetings of the Four Coordinate Bodies shall be held on the first Monday of the month (except for September, which will be held on the second Monday). There will be no Four Coordinate Bodies Meeting in the months of January, July, or August. The meeting held on the first Monday of April shall be the Annual Meeting (as determined by the Board of Trustees).

**Change #2** – refers to the Meetings of the Four Coordinate Bodies. The changes are to bring the By-Laws up to date with our current practice and eliminate the need to send meeting notices out by regular mail.

**Article II – Meetings - Section 4.** Unless otherwise provided by the Ohio Council of Deliberation notice of all regular and special meetings shall be given to the members of the Four Coordinate Bodies at least five days prior thereto. Such notice shall be written or printed and may be mailed by ordinary mail to the residence or place of business of the member. Such notice, if included in a regular publication of the Valley of Cleveland sent to all members, shall be deemed sufficient. Such notice shall not be required for meetings called only for conferring of degrees.

***Be amended to read as follows: Article II – Meetings - Section 4.*** Unless otherwise provided by the Ohio Council of Deliberation notice of all regular and special meetings shall be given to the members of the Four Coordinate Bodies at least five days prior thereto. ~~Such notice shall be written or printed and may be mailed by ordinary mail to the residence or place of business of the member.~~ Such notice, if included in a regular publication of the Valley of Cleveland sent to all members, shall be deemed sufficient. Such notice shall not be required for meetings called only for conferring of degrees.

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Contact Valley Office for Petitions (216) 432-2370**

**Change #3** – refers to the Annual Dues of the Four Coordinate Bodies. The changes are to bring the By-Laws up to date with our current practice and increase the yearly dues from \$87.00 to \$100.00. In Fiscal Year 2022, costs of Valley Operations equal almost \$85.00 per member, bringing us in just under budget. In Fiscal Year 2023, we know that costs will increase beyond the current dues amount of \$87.00. The last dues increase was in 2014. At \$100.00, the Board feels that, with additional cost-cutting measures, the dues will be sufficient to provide for a balanced budget.

**Article XVI – Dues and Fees - Section 2.** The Annual Dues of the Lodge of Perfection shall be \$15.00; the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, \$15.00; the Chapter of Rose Croix, \$15.00; and the Consistory, \$15.00 making a total of \$60.00 for all the Bodies. An Assessment of \$12.00 per member, levied by the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite will be added to the Dues Schedule. This assessment or per capita charge will be increased by \$3.00 in 2010 and incremented by \$3.00 each year thereafter through 2014 when it will have reached \$27.00 per member. This assessed amount will appear as a separate line item on all dues notice invoices. Dues are payable in advance on the first day of January in each year. Whenever a member of any of these Bodies on the first day of January in any year shall be in arrears for more than one year's dues, the Secretary within four months thereafter, shall notify such member in writing of the amount of said dues and that, unless such dues are paid by the first day of May following such notice, he will be reported delinquent.

**Article XVI – Dues and Fees - Section 2.** The Annual Dues of the **Valley of Cleveland** shall be ~~Lodge of Perfection shall be \$15.00; the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, \$15.00; the Chapter of Rose Croix, \$15.00; and the Consistory, \$15.00 making a total of \$100.00 for all the Bodies.~~ An Assessment of **\$30.00** per member, levied by the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite **is included in this amount.** ~~will be added to the Dues Schedule. This assessment or per capita charge will be increased by \$3.00 in 2010 and incremented by \$3.00 each year thereafter through 2014 when it will have reached \$27.00 per member. This assessed amount will appear as a separate line item on all dues notice invoices.~~ Dues are payable in advance on the first day of January in each year. Whenever a member of any of these Bodies on the first day of January in any year shall be in arrears for more than one year's dues, the Secretary within four months thereafter, shall notify such member in writing of the amount of said dues and that, unless such dues are paid by the first day of May following such notice, he will be reported delinquent.

**NO MEETING IN  
NOVEMBER  
OFFICERS ONLY**

**NEXT MEETING  
MONDAY  
DECEMBER 4, 2023  
at 7 PM**

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