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The Valley of Akron Welcomes...



Ill. and Most Worshipful Bro, Jess N. Raines, 33°
163rd Grand Master of Masons in Ohio
Honoree of Your Spring Reunion

VALLEY CALENDAR AND TRESTLE BOARD



APRIL 24-27, 2019:

SPRING REUNION HONORING MWB JESS N. RAINES. 24TH IS FOR THE CANDIDATES ONLY. SEE PAGE 8 FOR FULL AGENDA.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16:

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ONE THING TO KNOW

The 2019 Spring Reunion will be held April 24-27. The Reunion is named for Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Jess N. Raines, 33°.



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Updated February 28, 2019.

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IN MEMORIAM

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Arthur C. Robinson II	25 February 2019

May they rest in peace.

Ill. and Most Worshipful Bro., Jess N. Raines, 33° 163rd Grand Master of Masons in Ohio For Whom the Reunion is Named

Ill. Bro. Jess N. Raines, 33°, of Malta, was elected the 163rd Grand Master of Masons, in Ohio, on Oct. 13, 2018. As Grand Master, MWB Raines presides over 450 lodges throughout the state, with a membership of 75,000 Ohio Masons.

MWB Raines was raised in McConnelsville, OH, and graduated from Morgan High School in 1992. He continued his education at Marietta College, graduating in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting. While at Marietta, Jess was a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, where he held various leadership positions, and belonged to the honorary business fraternity, Tau Pi Phi. He also earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1992.

In September 2001, Jess married Kelly Elaine Wolford of Marietta, OH. Jess and Kelly are blessed with two sons, Jordan and Logan, who attend Morgan Local Schools. They are active in youth sports, playing soccer, basketball and track and field. The couple resides on the family farm in Malta. In his professional life, MWB Raines is a Certified Public Accountant and currently serves as the Vice President of Finance and Administration at Washington State Community College in Marietta.

He is active in his community, coaching youth soccer, attending his boys' sporting events, and is the Chief Financial Officer of the Morgan Education Foundation.

He is Past President and Past Treasurer of the Morgan County Shrine Club, Past Chairman of the Muskingum Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross and serves on the Board of Directors of the Economic Roundtable of the Ohio Valley. Jess and his family are members of Malta United Methodist Church at Malta.

In 1998, he began his Masonic career by joining Valley Lodge No. 145 in Malta.

He served as the Worshipful Master, or presiding officer of the lodge, in 2001-03. Masons use the original definition of the word worshipful: honorable. English mayors and judges are addressed by the title of "Worshipful" even today. As Grand Master, members of the fraternity will call Brother Raines "Most Worshipful Brother." He is an Honorary Member of several Lodges throughout the state, including the first Masonic Lodge in Ohio, American Union No. 1, in Marietta.

His service to the Grand Lodge of Ohio began in 2009 when he was appointed as District Deputy Grand Master, serving three years until being appointed Junior Grand Deacon on April 21, 2012, by Most Worshipful Brother Kevin B. Todd. He was subsequently appointed as Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Marshal, Grand Orator, and was elected Junior Grand Warden in Columbus in 2015, Senior Grand Warden in Sandusky in 2016, Deputy Grand Master in Dayton in 2017, and he was elected to serve the Brethren of the Great State of Ohio as Grand Master, being Installed in Sandusky on Oct. 13, 2018. He has been active in several Masonic organizations in his lifetime. *(Continued on page 9.)*



Secretary's Corner by George Seabeck, 33°

First, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all who contributed to a very successful Scottish Rite Degree Day on January 26st at the Canton Masonic Temple.

Again, as in the past, the Degree work was excellent by all the Valleys. Congratulations to the great number of new candidates for our Valley who attended as well. Upon completion of the day, I had the opportunity to speak with a number of them and to the man, they were extremely impressed by the excellence of the degree work and looked forward to filling their passport as soon as possible.

For our part, I thank Illustrious Brother Joe Levey, 33°; Worshipful Brother Bill McCallum; and Illustrious Brother Bill Turner, 33° for their assistance at the registration table. Their efforts to ensure that all candidates and members were properly registered, had their meal tickets and passports stamped was sincerely appreciated as all were able to leave the Temple in a very timely manner. The lines and time was greatly reduced by keeping the passports at the registration table rather than having everyone returning after each degree. Well done, Brethren!

I also thank Illustrious Brother Mike Bailey, 33°, Director of the Tenth Degree and the entire cast for an excellent ritualistic work. You received many compliments from the Brethren and it was well deserved. As always, Illustrious Brother Jim Easterling Jr., 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, for his steadfast support of the Valley of Akron. This day is a team effort on the part of all six valleys as demonstrated by an attendance of over four hundred Scottish Rite Masons. Outstanding!

A very special "thank you" also to Illustrious Brother Jim Fidler, 33° Executive Secretary, Valley of Canton and Bill Rogers, MSA. And to his very capable assistant and their staff for their hard work and exceptional planning for this most successful event. When an event of this magnitude is so successful, it demonstrates exactly how advance planning, coordination with everyone involved and exceptional leadership sets the stage for what will remain a memorable event in everyone's memory.

Brethren, our Spring Reunion is right around the corner: April 25-27, 2019. It really starts on the 24th, however that evening is for the candidates only and will involve showing the Fourth Degree on DVD, and providing all information to them at that time rather than having them come in early on Thursday evening. Hopefully, this will assist in speeding the Reunion along and maintaining the degree schedule. *(Concludes on page 9.)*




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Deputy's Representative

Brethren...



Brethren, it is with my heartfelt thanks to all of our top-line signers who have gotten a petition for our spring reunion. We are fast approaching 50 candidates, and I know that we have not seen that kind of class in many, many years.

I would also like to thank the cast, stagecraft, robbing and Ill. Bro. Dr. Gary Williams, our director for the 20th degree that was conferred after our stated meeting in February.

I have heard many positive comments about our conferral, and everyone is to be congratulated. It was great to see so many of our new candidates there to witness the degree as well as few of our candidates even in the degree.

We will be having our Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. Bro. David Glattly in the State of Ohio the 1st full week of November. We are currently planning on a program during his visit. Please stay tuned for the date and event that I'm sure we will all enjoy.

As Old Man Winter is finally leaving, may we continue to travel to our Blue Lodges to promote Scottish Rite Masonry. Thanks again to all of our presiding officers, trustees and our office staff for all that they are doing to see that The Valley of Akron continues to head in the right direction.

— Fraternally, James F Easterling, Jr.

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Above: February 21st. Degree night. If you weren't there, you missed a show..

Below: Two visitors from the Valley of Cleveland: Roger Edgington, 33° (left) and Walt Klein, 33°.



YOUR SPRING REUNION



April 24-27, 2019:

Reunion at Cuyahoga Falls Masonic Temple

Wednesday, April 24th:

For Candidates Only.

4th Degree DVD shown.

Thursday, April 25:

6:30 p.m., dinner.

Immediately following dinner, will have Membership and Service Awards Recognition. MWB Jess N. Raines, 33°, Class Honoree will be in attendance.

8:00 p.m., 8th Degree.

Friday, April 26:

7 p.m., 15th Degree.

8:30 p.m., 18th Degree. Refreshments after.

Saturday, April 27:

7 - 8:00 a.m., Breakfast

8:30 a.m., 27th Degree

10:15 a.m., 32nd Degree

12:00 noon, lunch

Featuring address by Grand Master.

FROM REUNION DIRECTOR

GEORGE TILDEN, 33°

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE VALLEY OF AKRON:

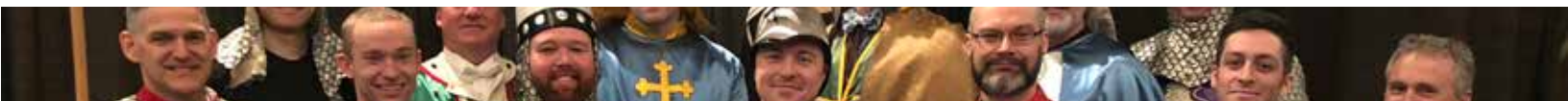
As your Reunion Director, I congratulate the Presiding Officers, their concurrent bodies, cast members, Degree Directors, Stage Craft and Registration Committee for your continuous devotion and dedication to this great fraternity of the Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Please consider joining them as we continue our journey to a successful Spring Reunion in honor of Most Worshipful and Illustrious Brother, Jess Raines, 33°, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio.

The roads are clear and our GPS (Go, Promote & Succeed) is set with our tanks full. Ready, set and here we go to attain our goal of 100 candidates! It's not too late! I challenge you to bring in 2 candidates – one to replace yourself and one to grow on. We have reached the 29th mile marker in our journey to successfully cross the finish line at the 100th mile by April 2019.

I look forward to your support for the 2018-2019 Valley of Akron Reunion participants, welcoming the Grand Master of Ohio and congratulating our new candidates as they cross the line to become 32nd Degree Masons. Be sure to arrive early, fill the parking lot every night and share the Brotherhood. Invest in Freemasonry and the Valley of Akron. The best is yet to be. Each of you is a valuable member of our TEAM and we need you there as our Valley takes the Victory lap. Come and celebrate with us!

HELP WANTED: STAGECRAFT TEAM SEEKS MEMBERS

Are you looking for a behind the scenes way to help out the Valley? The Stagecraft Team can use you. Stagecraft members are responsible for set-up and tear-down of all the sets and props used in degree portrayals. If you are interested in being part of this very important team, please contact RWB Kevin Tanner at 330-322-1823 or tannerk@neo.rr.com. Be part of the magic!



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Secretary's Corner, from page 5...

This is a very special Reunion for two reasons:

1. It is named in honor of Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Jess N. Raines, 33°, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. Most Worshipful Brother Raines will be in attendance Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please plan on attending and listening to his address. I feel confident you will benefit hearing what he has to say about the future of Freemasonry.

2. This is a fee free Reunion. This is the only time we will be permitted to have a Reunion of this nature. Now is the time to consider recommending those Brethren whom you have thought about for a long time to get them to become members of the Valley of Akron. We are doing pretty well so far, but we need everyone to assist if we are to really be successful.

Speaking of this, I would like to extend a very special "THANK YOU" to all who have turned in petitions in an effort to make this a Reunion that will be remembered for a long time. The meetings which we have had with the Candidates thus far, have been extremely successful in that a number of them have turned in petitions from their Brother Master Masons who desire to take the Scottish Rite Journey with them.

April 1, 2019 is the deadline for Abbott Scholarship applications. They may be obtained from the office or on the Supreme Council Web Site. The qualification of the Abbott Scholarship are listed in this Rite Lite. They may be procured by going on line at Supreme Council or by calling the office and we will either email or send them the application.

Your *Rite Lite* has a list of all the upcoming events. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Ill. and MWB Bro. Raines, 33°, from page 4...

Most Worshipful Brother Raines is a Thirty-Third Degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Cambridge, having been coroneted in Rochester, NY, on August 29, 2017. He and his wife are members of the Olive Branch Chapter No. 251, Order of Eastern Star.

Jess is a member of Aladdin Shriners and the Morgan County and Marietta Shrine Clubs. He is also a member of American Union Chapter No. 1 Royal Arch Masons, Marietta Council No. 78 Royal and Select Masons, and Marietta Commandery No. 50 Knights Templar. Most Worshipful Brother Raines is also a member of Ohio Valley York Rite College No. 196. He is also a recipient of the Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay. He is also an honorary member of the National Sojourners, Cleveland Chapter No. 23.

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 - A high school senior, or undergraduate, or graduate student currently enrolled at an accredited college or university.
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[DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2019]

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