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VALLEY CALENDAR

COVER: THE SPRING REUNION WILL HONOR DAVID R. KORB, MSA; FORMER COMMANDER IN CHIEF, VALLEY OF AKRON; PM, STAR LODGE #187; 126TH GRAND MONARCH OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GROTTOS INTERNATIONAL.

PHOTO: KORB AND WIFE KELLY AT THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20: 6:30 MEETING. REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1: DEADLINE FOR ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS. APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON THE VALLEY OF AKRON WEBSITE: WWW.VALLEYOFAKRON.COM. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE VALLEY OFFICE. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED LEGIBLY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, FRIDAY APRIL 4, SATURDAY APRIL 5: SPRING REUNION IN HONOR OF DAVID KORB, MSA. SEE PAGE 2.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15: ARRAS CHAPTER ROSE CROIX SPONSORS THE ANNUAL FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB. THIS PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY APRIL 15, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M. LOCATED FALLS MASONIC TEMPLE IN THE LODGE ROOM.

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THE NEXT RITE LITE NEWSLETTER WILL ARRIVE IN MAY.

IF YOU HAVE NEWS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS, THIS DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, APRIL 13.

EMAIL THE EDITOR: DXFERRIS@GMAIL.COM . WE ARE HAPPY TO DO WHAT WE CAN FOR YOU.

WE NEED PHOTOS.

Your *Rite Lite* newsletter looks better with more photographs. If you take pictures at a Valley event, please share with the editor: dxferris@gmail.com.

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Our vision: We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members.

2025 Valley of Akron Spring Reunion Schedule

Greetings, Brethren!

Our spring reunion is named in honor of WB David A. Korb, MSA. It is quickly approaching. Your presiding officers, office staff, and stagecraft are working hard to make this a great two days.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please let me or the Valley office know... and we will put you to work!

A single Food Ticket is available for purchase. It will cover all your meals and beverages for the duration of our reunion, for the low price of \$25. Please see one of our presiding officers or the secretary to purchase one.

Bottled water, assorted sodas, coffee, and iced tea will be available during the Reunion.

Please contact the Valley office for tickets or more information:
234-900-5424 or **ValleyOfAkronOhio@gmail.com**

Questions? Contact me: mrozzy1288@yahoo.com or 330-217-6465 (cell).

Thursday, April 3

7 pm. Candidate Orientation, followed by the 4^o video

Friday, April 4

5:30 pm. Doors open. Registration begins.

6:30 pm. Dinner.

7:15 pm. 18^o

Saturday, April 5

8:00 am. Doors / Registration / Coffee & Donuts

9:00 am. 16^o, Live

9:45 am. Video in dining hall

10:30 am. 14^o, Live

11:30 am. Video in Dining Hall

12:00 pm. Lunch

2:45 pm. 32^o, Live

We look forward to seeing you then and there!

— Reunion Director Marc. A Osborne, MSA



A Brother's Journey to the Black Hat

Greetings, Brethren:

In the world of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, dedication to learning and service is a lifelong pursuit. For one brother in our Valley, that journey has led to a memorable milestone: being the first to earn a Black Hat in our Scottish Rite Valley's history. This achievement is not just about recognition; it is a testament to unwavering commitment, engagement, and the relentless chase for deeper understanding.



The Meaning of the Black Hat

In the Scottish Rite, the progression of honors symbolizes dedication, service, and a commitment to the craft. While many recognize the traditional caps of the Rite, the Black Hat is a rare and significant honor, often denoting a brother's exceptional engagement in Masonic education and service. It represents a journey of personal growth, deep reflection, and a desire to not only absorb knowledge but to share it with others.

For our valley, this achievement is groundbreaking. Never before has a brother reached this level, and it speaks volumes about the strength and determination required to earn such a distinction. It is a reminder that Masonry is not just about titles or accolades, but about the pursuit of enlightenment and the betterment of oneself and others.

Engagement: The Key to Growth

Masonry is not a passive endeavor. To truly embrace the lessons of the Craft, one must be engaged—not just attending meetings but participating fully, asking questions, seeking wisdom, and applying Masonic teachings to everyday life. Earning the Black Hat is a direct result of this mindset. It signifies an understanding that the degrees of the Scottish Rite are not just ceremonies, but lessons that challenge the mind and spirit.

This journey is about always chasing the next lesson, finding new ways to serve, and setting an example for others. It is about pushing beyond comfort zones, embracing leadership, and mentoring those who follow. The Black Hat is not an end goal, but a symbol of continuous learning and dedication to the ideals of Freemasonry.

A Legacy in the Making

As the first brother in this Valley to earn the Black Hat, the path forward is both exciting and humbling. It is a challenge to uphold the values it represents and to inspire others to seek their own Masonic journey with renewed vigor. The Scottish Rite is a brotherhood built on the foundation of knowledge, and this milestone serves as a beacon, illuminating the path for others who aspire to grow in their understanding and service.

For those who seek to follow, the message is clear: Stay engaged, never stop learning, and always chase the next lesson. The journey of Masonry is one of transformation, and those willing to embrace it fully will find themselves not just recognized but truly changed in the process.

With this historic achievement, our valley has set a new precedent—one that will inspire generations of Masons to come. The Black Hat is not just a symbol; it is a challenge to every brother to push further, dig deeper, and continue the journey toward enlightenment.

— Christopher W. R. Schill
Treasurer, Valley of Akron AASR
Junior Warden, Aroba Lodge of Perfection

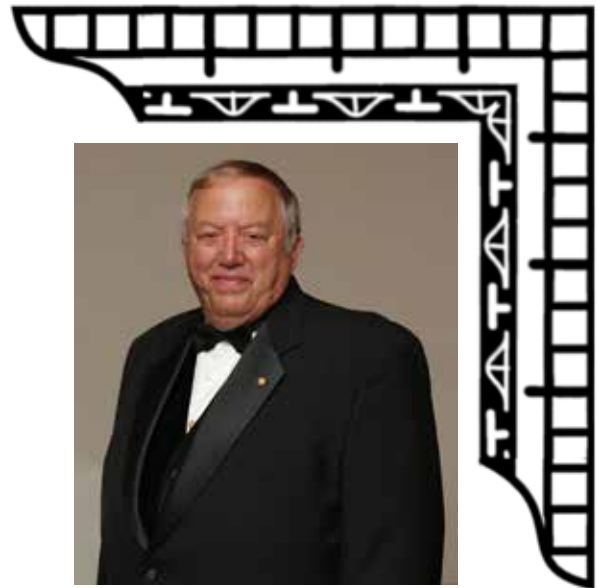
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Deputy for Ohio, Illustrious Richard Heldman, 33°, has encouraged the Scottish Rite Valleys in Ohio to financially assist DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters at their **Tri-Youth Fun Day** at Launch Entertainment in Jefferson, Ohio on **April 26, 2025**.

In compliance with this request, we will take a goodwill offering during our Stated Meeting on February 20, 2025.

Please consider donating.

OCD 2025



Dear Illustrious Brothers, MSAs & Past/Current Presiding Officers:

The **One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Ohio Council of Deliberation** will be held Saturday, June 7, 2025, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Akron Fairlawn, 3180 West Market Street, Akron, OH 44333.

The business session of the Ohio Council of Deliberation will begin on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. During the business session your lady or guest may attend the Ladies' Luncheon and Program. It is just a short walk from the DoubleTree to the Holiday Inn Bricco's West in the Aspen Room. The luncheon includes soup and salad buffet with music entertainment (see the flyer on page 7). The cost is \$25.00.

The MSA banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Meritorious Service Award Ceremony. The cost for dinner is \$68 per person.

Registration for membership will open on Saturday, March 1, 2025, through the Ohio Council of Deliberation website at www.aasrohio.org/ocd. To make hotel reservations, follow the link provided.

To receive the discounted rate of \$149.00 per night, hotel reservations must be completed by Friday, May 9, 2025. Reservations and payment for the Ladies' Program/Luncheon and Banquet must be made on the website and will remain open until Friday, May 9, 2025.

Upon receipt of your registration, the OCD Session packet will be mailed directly to you. If you purchase tickets for the OCD Banquet or Ladies' Activity, you will receive an email receipt from the Ohio Council of Deliberation. Your hotel reservation will be confirmed by the DoubleTree by Hilton Akron Fairlawn.

This year, all hospitality will be at the lower level of the DoubleTree by Hilton Akron Fairlawn. Each Valley has been given the opportunity to participate. As the host Valley, we will have an area for hospitality on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns: 234-900-5424 or valleyofakronohio@gmail.com.

Fraternally,
George E. Tilden, 33°
Executive Secretary, Valley of Akron, A.A.S.R.

OHIO COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION GOLF OUTING



REGISTRATION

Completed Form and Paid Reservations are Due by
June 13, 2025

Date

Monday, June 23, 2025

Time

Registration: 10:00 AM - patio

Shotgun Start: 12:00 PM

Driving Range and Locker Room
are available all day

Lunch - \$7.99 per person

Hot dogs, brats, cookies, chips

Dinner:

Chicken or Steak, Salad, Potato,
Rolls and fixins

Dinner Only (no golf): \$30

Place

York Golf Club

7459 N. High Street

Columbus, OH 43235

Questions

Craig Lobdell

Phone: 614-906-5627

Email: clobdellms@gmail.com

Sponsorships

Hole Sponsorships are available
for \$100 each!

Ladies are Welcome!



REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

Team Name: _____

Player 1 Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Lunch: Dinner Only (no golf): Choice for Dinner: Chicken Steak

Player 2 Name: _____

Email: _____

Lunch: Dinner Only (no golf): Choice for Dinner: Chicken Steak

Player 3 Name: _____

Email: _____

Lunch: Dinner Only (no golf): Choice for Dinner: Chicken Steak

Player 4 Name: _____

Email: _____

Lunch: Dinner Only (no golf): Choice for Dinner: Chicken Steak

Registration Fee: \$90 per Golfer

Registration fee includes golf, cart, dinner, 3 drink tickets and
clubhouse from 8:00 AM until the event closes. Drink carts and Grill
Room are open for beverage purchases all day.

Make checks payable to AASR, Valley of Columbus. Mail this form with a
check to AASR Valley of Columbus, 290 Cramer Creek Court, Dublin, OH
43017.

YOUR ACTIVE MEMBER SAYS...

Brethren...



The Blue Lodge Inspection season is nearly complete. And I would like to thank all of the Brethren who represented Our Scottish Rite. Without these new Masons, our pool to increase our membership is very limited.

I would like to also thank our Presiding Officers for continuing to have programs that are well attended and enjoyable.

There are several events that will be happening in the coming months.

There is a Wine Tasting event on May 10. (See page 9 to learn more.)

You will also have a chance to attend Table Lodges and a Save the Date event: Our Grand Master has deemed the Ohio Masonic Weekend will to be held in Canton, September 13-14. See his letter for details, on page 11. There will be more information about this event in the future.

It is a great time to be a Mason. I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,
James F. Easterling, Jr.

Valley of Akron 2024

Chairman:

Illustrious Richard Landals, 33°

Vice-Chairman:

Illustrious William Murphy, 33°

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Illustrious Jason Kidd, 33°, MSA

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FUN FUNDRAISER

Grapes on the Lake

A Wine Tasting Event

**Saturday
May 10, 2025**

5pm - 9pm / Live Entertainment
\$25 Presale / \$30 At The Door

Tadmor Shrine Center
3000 Krebs Drive,
Akron, Ohio 44319

*Proceeds to Benefit Amy's Avengers
Shouthshore Entertainment
and Masonic Charities*

Grapes on the Lake

Ticket Includes:

- Commemorative Wine Glass
- 10 Taste Tickets
- Red Rose for the Ladies
- Chinese Auction - 50 / 50
- Bourbon Raffle

Available For Purchase

- Cheese, Crackers, Meats
- Sweet Treats
- Food Trucks
- Wine by the Glass
- Wine To Go

*Thank You for coming.
We hope to see you
next year!*

**Contact John Young for tickets
or information. 330-819-2387**

FROM THE MOST WISE MASTER



Brethren:

Greetings from your "Somewhat Wise Master."

We have had a lot going on over the last few months.

December, we held the Light Festival at the Akron Zoo.

We assembled and distributed food baskets for our MAP program.

In January, Valley Brethren participated in the Six Valley Degree Day. Members of our Valley did a fantastic job on the 25^o.

In February, the Annual Sweethearts dinner was held at the Spaghetti Warehouse. Over 20 Brethren and guests attended. It was a great time of fun and fellowship.

Rite on the Road was held at the Wadsworth Lodge. That night, Brethren witnessed the 4^o and 17^o.

But more importantly, we held our Awards Night, recognizing the work our brothers had accomplished.

We hope to continue building a stronger Valley of Akron in the upcoming months.

Please get petitions out to fellow Masons who aren't in Scottish Rite. Page four of this newsletter features one.

Work has begun for our reunion. It will be held April 3, 4 and 5. (See page 3 for a full schedule.)

Then the Feast of the Pascal Lamb will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 pm in the Cuyahoga Falls Temple. **Our speaker this year is our Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother William M Carter III.** Refreshments will follow.

Fraternally,

Jamie Leaver

Most Wise Master

Arras Chapter Rose Croix

Valley of Akron

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio

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Announcing our Ohio Masonic Weekend location

My dearest Brethren,

It is with great excitement that I announce that the **Ohio Masonic Weekend**, scheduled for **September 13-14, 2025**, will be held at the **beautiful and historic Canton Masonic Temple!** This legendary venue, rich with architectural splendor and deep Masonic significance, will provide an unforgettable atmosphere for this remarkable gathering of Freemasons from across the state.

For those who have not yet experienced the grandeur of the Canton Masonic Temple, prepare to be inspired. Its breathtaking lodge rooms, rich history, and timeless beauty will add immeasurably to the initiation experience, ensuring that all who attend will walk away with a profound sense of Masonic tradition and purpose. What a truly fitting setting for an event that celebrates our Craft and deepens our Brotherhood!

For those wishing to stay overnight, **Canton offers a wealth of nearby hotels** for accommodations on Friday and/or Saturday nights, making it easy to fully immerse yourself in the fellowship and spirit of this extraordinary weekend. We encourage you to make plans early and prepare for a Masonic experience unlike any other!

Stay tuned for additional details as we draw closer to this special occasion. We look forward to gathering in Canton for what promises to be a truly **LEGENDARY** Ohio Masonic Weekend!

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. M. Carter, III', written in a cursive style.

William M. Carter, III
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Ohio, F&AM

FROM THE THRICE POTENT MASTER...

To the Brethren of the valley:

Greetings and happy new year!!

Spring is just around the corner. And that means corn beef and cabbage is in the near future. And also, our reunion is on its way!

Keep your eye out with the blasts from our wonderful Secretary to get all in the details. We will be offering meal tickets again. So make sure you reach out and get yours.

The new year has been good to the Valley.

We had a wonderful Ladies Night. The event brought our Valley of Excellence number up to 63%.

All we need now, fellas, is to get some new members in. And wouldn't the reunion be a great time to seal our award for this year? So hand those petitions out, Brethren! You can print one on page four. Or print three.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Director and Cast for doing a very impressive job at the Six Valley Degree Day. Some of our senior members really came through. They made our Valley shine like the sun rising in the East!

Lastly, gentleman, I'm attempting to raise money for our Valley to cover some of the costs of the year, and to try and help keep our dues at a reasonable level.

To help me, you could reach out and get a gun raffle ticket for a Scottish Rite Custom AR — see the accompanying photo of the custom-engraved piece. Tickets are \$20, and we are only selling 100! Get them while you can!

Also, our Active is heading up a golf outing that will be held later on in May. Get your clubs ready. Let's have some fun and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Until then, stay warm and travel light! All the best!!

— **Steven D. Prentiss, RSS #43**
Thrice Potent Master, Aroba Lodge of Perfection
District Education Officer, 21st Masonic District





BLACK HAT, GOLDEN PASSPORT

TOP L, L to R: Illustrious and MWB James F. Easterling Jr., 33^o • Black Cap Sublime Prince Joseph Shutack • Black Cap Sublime Prince Junior Warden, Aroba Lodge of Perfection, and Valley of Akron Treasurer Christopher Schill • Valley Secretary and Illustrious George Tilden, 33^o.

MIDDLE: Thrice Potent Master, Lodge of Perfection Steven Prentiss presents Golden Passport to 2nd Lieutenant Commander, Akron Consistory James Lutz.

Bottom, L to R: Most Wise Master, Arras Chapter Rose Croix Jamie Leaver presents passport to Sublime Prince Joseph Shutack.





SIX VALLEY DEGREE DAY

The Valley of Canton hosted Brethren from Six Valleys – and then some – Saturday, January 25. Brethren from the Valleys of Akron, Cambridge, Canton, Cleveland, Steubenville, and Youngstown staged degrees.

Top: The crowd gathers.



Middle, L to R: Illustrious James F. Easterling, Jr, 33°. Deputy for Ohio, Illustrious Dick Heldman, 33°. SGC Ill. Bro Walter Wheeler, 33°. Active for Dayton, Ill. Douglas Kaylor, 33°. Active for Columbus, Ill. Bro Ebby Brewer, 33°.



Bottom, L to R: Grand Master MWB William Carter, 33°. SGC, Ill. Bro Walter Wheeler, 33°.

VALLEY OF EXCELLENCE UPDATE

Brethren:

Sublime Prince Ron Hart — Chairman of the Valley of Excellence Committee — and your Valley of Akron Presiding Officers have worked diligently to schedule activities and programs to meet the requirements of the Valley of Excellent Program.

With your help, we are close.

The Scorecard for the Valley of Akron is 64.38.

MEMBERSHIP: 15.05 points of a possible 50

SERVICE & PHILANTHROPY: 24.33 points of a possible 25

LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENTS: 10 points of a possible 15

OPERATION: 15 points of a possible 10

As you know, Membership is the life line of all organizations, especially for the Valley of Akron. To reach our Membership Goal, we need to work and speak to your Brothers of your respective Lodges.

Offer your Brother the opportunity of a lifetime of Brotherhood, and to Journey On with us just as a Brother offered you.

There are two ways to achieve this goal: 1. Recruitment and 2. Restorations.

Your Membership Chairman — Sublime Prince Larry Wilson, 33^o-elect — and his committee are in the process of contacting 18 members who were suspended for non-payment of dues. We need a joint effort of each of us to reach out to those who are not members. We should offer to them the valuable lessons taught in the Scottish Rite.

We have several ways for those seeking more light to join our ranks:

1. Rite on the Road: an evening at a Lodge where we can show the 4^o and other degrees. If a Lodge has five or more candidates join, we can come to you upon invitation.
2. Thursday Night at the Rite, a program presented by our Supreme Council.
3. Our Spring Reunion scheduled for Thursday April 3, for candidates only. The Reunion will commence on Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5.

Your Brother and candidate for the Degrees of our order can be a member of the Sublime Prince David Korb, MSA Class.

Please advise your Valley Secretary of all candidates who have petitioned.

Thank you. Journey On !

Fraternally,

Ron Hart, Valley of Excellence Coordinator

THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE RITE

Thursday, March 13, 2025

24°, Brother of Tolerance

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Season 6 finale: 31°, My Brothers Keeper

Season 6. Spring 2025.

Every Thursday night at the Valley Temple.

The 4° will be presented at 7:30 p.m.

The featured degree will follow at 8:00 p.m.

21st Masonic District Inspection Schedule

Hudson #510	MM - 9 AM	Sat.	3/1/2025	LA	Kidd	Prentiss
Canton #60	FC	Wed.	3/12/2025	DB	Osborne	Ryan
Victory #649	MM	Tue.	3/18/2025	RA	Kidd	Prentiss
Ashlar #639	FC	Wed.	3/19/2025	RA	Kidd	Prentiss

All inspections start at 7pm unless otherwise noted.

RA = Refreshments After

LA = Lunch After

DB = Dinner Before

THE BLUE ENVELOPE APPEAL

Greetings, Brethren:

YOUR VALLEY IS SO CLOSE TO ITS GOAL!

The Blue Envelope Appeal is the NMJ's oldest Jurisdiction-wide fundraising appeal. For decades, Scottish Rite Masons have supported the charitable efforts of the fraternity by mailing their annual donations in a blue reply envelope, leading to the program's name.

Over the years, millions of dollars have been raised to support our Scottish Rite Charities, thanks to the generous support of our members. Donations to the Blue Envelope currently support:

- The Scottish Rite Grand Almoner's Fund
- The Children's Dyslexia Centers
- The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library
- The Leon M. Abbott Scholarship Fund

How does the Blue Envelope help my Valley?

Your members' Blue Envelope donations can help your Valley receive Valley of Excellence credit. Obtaining credit requires at least 10% or more of your Valley's total members donating to the Blue Envelope, with the campaign running from October 1 to June 15. Valley of Excellence Blue Envelope donations from your Valley also help determine your annual Abbott Scholarship allocation.

Your Blue Envelope Appeal arrived in October. Please consider donating to this valuable charity.

Together we can wipe away a tear for a family that is in need, bring hope to a child who is struggling with Dyslexia, help our Scottish Rite Museum and Library preserve history for the next generation, and to financially assist and honor those students seeking higher education.

The goal set by our Supreme Council and the Valley of Excellence Program is to have 60 of our members donate to this cause.

So far, we have 52. Can we count on you?

Thank you, and JOURNEY ON WITH US.



— George E. Tilden, 33°

THE FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb will be sponsored by Arras Chapter Rose Croix. This presentation will be held on Tuesday April 15, at 7 pm, at the Cuyahoga Falls Masonic Temple, in the Lodge Room.

The speaker will be Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother William Carter, III, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio.

This is a public ceremony.

A Memorial Service will be performed for those Brethren who passed this last year (April 2024 to April 2025). Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the Ceremony in the dining room.



THE FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB

In keeping with ancient custom, and in accordance with the Constitutions of the Supreme Council, each Chapter of Rose Croix should observe the Feast of the Paschal Lamb by an appropriate ceremony. Traditionally, this day of obligation was Maundy Thursday. In deference to the Maundy Thursday rites of the churches, another day should be designated for the ceremony.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb is neither the Feast of the Passover nor the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, although it commemorates both holy days.

The Jewish Feast of the Passover commemorates the escape of the Hebrews from Egypt, when God, smiting the firstborn of the Egyptians, passed over the houses of the Israelites. Thus the blood of the paschal lamb, which had been used to mark the houses of the Israelites, has symbolized redemption. For observance of this Feast, Jesus gathered his disciples in the night in which he was betrayed. In their midst he instituted the sacrament which Christians revere as The Last Supper.

Chapters of Rose Croix observe this beautiful and symbolic celebration of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb as a memorial service, honoring our Brethren who have passed to their eternal reward during the preceding year. In spirit, we seem to sense their presence at the Mystic Banquet as we seek to strengthen the ties of brotherly love which bind our hearts in holy remembrance.

In the fellowship of kindred minds, we meet to express our faith as symbolically we break the bread and drink the wine of fraternal love, becoming aware once more that the only hope of a better world still abides in the simple command of our great Exemplar, "Love one another."

The ordinance establishing the Feast of the Paschal Lamb dates back to the Old Testament narrative: "And this day shall be unto you a memorial: and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations: ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever."



Donald R. James Medical Scholarship

Brother Donald R. James of the Valley of Cleveland established an endowment fund to provide scholarships to qualified applicants who are pursuing a career in medicine, dentistry, or sports medicine. It is available to all of the following:

- All Masons & Eastern Star Members, F. & A.M. as well as PHA
- All children, step-children, grandchildren, or step-grandchildren of the members above
- All Members or Senior members of DeMolay, Rainbow, Job's Daughters, Pythagorans, and Grand Girls Assembly

Requirements are as follows:

- Must be a citizen of the United States and be residing therein.
- Must attend a college or university within the United States that is accredited by an appropriate body and Submit proof of acceptance/enrollment in the declared program.
- Must have maintained a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 based on a 4.0 system or comparable grade point range under any other grading system utilized by the applicant's high school, college or university.

Applications are due April 1st, 2025

You can find the scholarship on the Valley of Cleveland's website or by scanning the QR Code to the right!

<https://aasrcleveland.org/the-donald-r-james-scholarship/>

Once completed, Email your application and all materials to:
Brady Woodworth, Executive Secretary: aasrcleveland@gmail.com



HOSPITALER'S REPORT

Please call Valley of Akron Hospitaler Michael Madden to report ill and deceased Brethren: 330-860-4257, mma9914261@aol.com.

Also, please notify him when you come home from the hospital or if you go to a nursing home. Your cooperation will help us to keep our records up to date. (Nursing homes will not give us any information.) Updated 21 February, 2025.

~ Ill and Distressed Brethren ~

Brother Larry Frye
Illustrious Leroy Hackenberg, 33°
Sublime Prince William Lovell Jr.
Illustrious Richard McMasters, 33°
Brother James Rasnick
Sublime Prince George Shrader
Illustrious David Snyder Sr., 33°
Brother Richard Thomason
Brother Reid Whitman
Illustrious Gary Williams, 33°

~ Prayer ~

We come to You at this time. We humbly ask Your gentle love. And grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. We place our brothers that have passed into Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of your children. Amen.

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Claude Brunot	19 January 2025
Brother Gary Freudeman	4 January 2025
Brother William McCallum	22 December 2024
Brother Norman Richenbach	5 February 2025
Brother James Plummer	5 February 2025

May they rest in peace.

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**Best Practices in Freemasonry,
by 70 Well Traveled Brethren**

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