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**FROM THE SECRETARY - James G. Fidler, 33°**

Brethren, I'm sure that you, like I am, are looking forward to the arrival of Spring and saying goodbye to the cold weather we endured in the months of January and February. In spite of the weather, the Valley of Canton warmed everyone's spirits by hosting more than 100 Scottish Rite Brethren at the enormously successful Patriotic Degree Day on February 13. On the coldest day of the year, two Master Masons were initiated into Scottish Rite as all

Brethren present witnessed inspiring presentations of the 20°, 23° and "Last Full Measure", enjoyed a delicious breakfast and lunch, and experienced the camaraderie that Scottish Rite is famous for. The Stated Meeting programs in January and February, featuring, respectively, a showing of the new 26° DVD and a timely presentation concerning tax return preparation, were well received by the members.

What better way is there to spend the month of March than experiencing the Inspirational, Convenient and Enjoyable events Scottish Rite promotes? Our March 10 Quarterly Meeting at 7:30PM will be preceded at 6:30PM by a delicious dinner. The program will be a presentation by the Stark County Coroner's Office concerning the heroin epidemic. Dinner can be paid for at the door. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!**

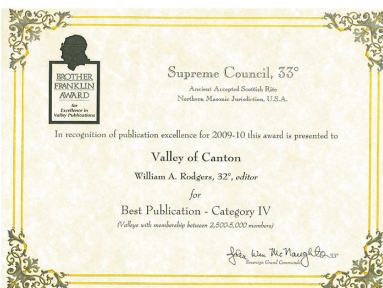
As we look ahead, mark your calendars for what promises to be a truly memorable month of April. On Saturday April 16, 2015, beginning at 5:30PM, in the Ballroom at the Canton Masonic Temple, a superb dinner open to the public will be served. Following the dinner, the Valley's Rose Croix Line will portray The Feast of the Paschal Lamb in the Cathedral Room. One week later, on April 16, we will all have an opportunity to support the Children's Dyslexia Center, Inc. while enjoying ourselves by attending the 13th Annual Teddy Bear Sock Hop from 6:00PM until 10:00PM that evening.

Please plan to join us at our March and April events. The Valley is only as strong as we the members choose to make it. Bring as many Brethren and guests as you wish. You'll be glad you did. And so will we.

Hope to see all of you soon.

**March Program**

The program for the March Stated meeting will be given by Rick Walters who is a forensic investigator with the Stark County Coroner's Office. He will be discussing the heroin and prescription drug abuse epidemic that is plaguing our community and what is being done to combat it.

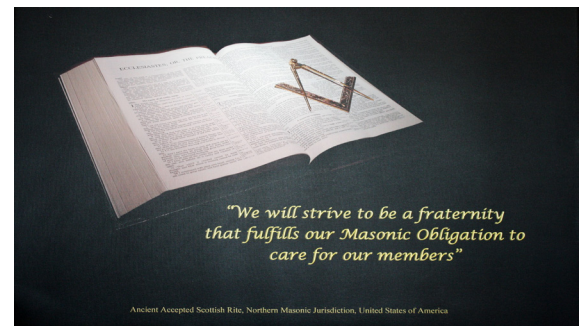


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- Provide enjoyable programs and fellowship for our members.







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Daylight Savings Time Begins  
March 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Forward

### MARCH

Thurs., March 10- 6:30 PM Quarterly Dinner  
7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Thurs., March 17 - **St. Patrick's Day**

Fri., March 25 - **Good Friday**

Sun., March 27 - **EASTER**

### APRIL

Thurs., April 14 - 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Sat., April 16 - 5:30 PM - The Feast of the Paschal Lamb

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Sat., April 16 - 5:30 PM - The Feast of the Paschal Lamb

Thurs., May 12 - 7:30 PM Stated Meeting  
Election of Officers

Sat. May 14 - 4:00 PM Installation of Officers  
5:30 PM Valley Awards Dinner

Mon., May 30 - **MEMORIAL DAY**

Fri., Sat., June 3-4 OCD Akron/Fairlawn

Thurs., June 9 - 6:30 PM Quarterly Dinner  
7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Thurs., June 16 - 6:30 PM Scholarship Dinner

Mon., July 4 - **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Thurs., July 14 - 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Thurs., August 11 - 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Thurs., Sept. 8 - 6:30 PM Quarterly Dinner  
7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Thurs., Oct. 13 - 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

Thurs., Fri., Sat. Nov. 10-12 -240th Fall Reunion - Scottish Rite  
Day

We missed you at the last meeting. The program was very informative. The ice cream was very cold and the fellowship was warm. Won't you join us for our next meeting on March 10th . Come early for dinner.

~ SCOTTISH RITE DAY~  
Save the Date

Saturday, November 12, 2016

On Saturday, November 12, 2016, Valleys and State Councils of Deliberation will celebrate Scottish Rite nation wide. On that day, both the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite, for the first time ever, will be honoring our Scottish Rite Fraternity.

Many in the Northern Jurisdiction will celebrate the day by hosting a state wide conferral of the 32°. The Valley of Canton will be holding its 240<sup>th</sup> Reunion with the class honoree, Ill. David A. Trautwein, 33° at this time also. This will be followed by a very special program with the public invited. Further details of this special event will be forth coming in future issues of the Chronicle. Watch for them.

A special jewel is being commissioned celebrating Scottish Rite Day and will be available to all new 32° Masons as well as all Scottish Rite members.

Save the dates, - Nov. 10, 11,& 12 and stay tuned for more information regarding Scottish Rite Day in the Valley of Canton.

### 13th Annual Teddy Bear SOCK HOP

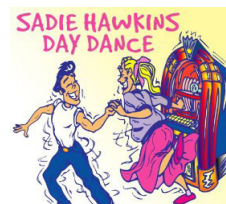
#### LEAP YEAR

This year it's a Sadie Hawkins Dance  
Girls choose your date and dust off your saddle shoes  
and don your poodle skirt, sweater & bobby socks.  
Guys, don your greaser jackets & shirts and jeans or bowling shirt.

Come enjoy the '50's music and Elvis  
for a hopping good time.

Saturday, April 23, 2016 6-10 PM

(see page 11 for more information)



### MARCH 10, 2016 QUARTERLY MEETING at 7:30 PM

**DINNER TIME: 6:30 pm**

**DINNER MENU: Cost is \$12.00**

- Roast Pork
- Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
- Cooked Carrots
- Pie
- Coffee & Ice Tea

#### RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Contact Bill Stratton at 330-455-6300 or  
e-mail: [cantonmanager@yahoo.com](mailto:cantonmanager@yahoo.com)

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>**



## MEMBERSHIP -- by *Scott Garan,* *Chairman*

Blue Lodge Freemasonry, Scottish Rite Freemasonry and the other Masonic bodies are all interconnected. Yes, when we join the “other bodies,” we have found something else that piques our interest, but the foundation is our Mother Lodges! Our common bond is that we FIRST chose to become Freemasons! Brothers One and All! So I came upon something that I want to share relating to ALL of our Masonic choices. It is a simple list on how to kill our Lodges.

### How To Kill Your Lodge:

- Don't Come
- When you do come, come late.
- The officers asked for the job, let them do all the work.
- Never pay your dues in advance. Wait until you get your money's worth and then wait a while longer.
- It is good to tell your officer's failings to visitors; they might be a long time finding them out.
- If there are a few zealous workers in the Lodge, inform everyone the Lodge is run by a clique.
- Disagree with established rules and regulations, let people know you have a mind of your own.
- Keep talking to the brother next to you in Lodge, it makes for good fellowship.
- If one brother has said or done something you don't like, be mad at the whole Lodge.

So over the years in all of the bodies I am involved with, I have seen all of these things. I was always stunned. Why does this happen? Shouldn't we all be able to push aside our petty arguments for the greater good of the fraternity? Isn't brotherhood the reason we got involved in the first place?

As I look back at my life, I think about the interactions between me and my biological brother David. My brother is 5 1/2 years older than me. Still, that did not stop me from being the irritating little brother that I was. Yes, he was older, but I still wanted to do what he did! My mother said I would crawl on my belly as an infant just to be with him! I did that until he finally left the house to be on his own! Well maybe not on my belly, but I always wanted to be with him. Yes, we fought! Sometimes physically, but in the end, we always had each other's backs! While we may have fought, when confronted we always put on a united front! He was, is, and always will be my brother! We can have internal conflict, but in the end we are blood brothers!

Can we not bring this bond BACK to our fraternity? I ask you look at this list and see where YOU may have gone wrong! If you have not, good for you! If you have committed one or more of these situations, ask yourself if you can

rectify it, or at the very least not do it again!

In every station in my life I have had disagreements with others. That is human nature. The key to keeping our fraternity alive is putting aside our personal differences and doing what is best for the fraternity as a whole! Perhaps a little introspection is all that is necessary to get this fraternity back on track!



### The Feast of the Paschal Lamb

Brenton Chapter Knights of Rose Croix Valley of Canton invites you to attend **The Feast of the Paschal Lamb** on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 5:30 PM at the Canton Masonic Temple. This event is open to the public.

The Feast of the Paschal lamb is Maundy Memorial Service honoring those Brethren who have been called to eternal refreshment in the paradise of God during the past year.

This non-sectarian service will be conducted by Valley of Cantons Brenton Chapter of Rose Croix with **Ill. Bro Frank G. Shaheen as the featured speaker.**

Dinner will be at 5:30 PM followed by the service. **Reservations** are required for the dinner and can be made by calling 330-455-2321 or e-mail [valleyofcanton@yahoo.com](mailto:valleyofcanton@yahoo.com)

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### TEMPLE SECURITY

This is a reminder that due to recent events, safety and security of staff and membership is a major concern of the Temple Association. We also must consider the safety of the students and tutors of the Dyslexia Center.

Whenever there is a function at the Temple such as a meeting, practice, dinner, or reunion, all doors being used for entry must be manned at all times to let people in.

The practice of “blocking” the door open will no longer be allowed.

The preferred door to be used is the “back door” unless a major function is taking place, then the 9th Street door must also be manned. When classes are in session at the Dyslexia Center, they are to watch the 9th street door.

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### Patriotic Degree Day

On Saturday February 13th the Valley celebrated Presidents Day by portraying three patriotic degrees, the 20°, 23° and the “Last Full Measure”. Despite it being a very cold day, the event turned out to be a big success. Both the breakfast buffet and lunch were well attended. We had a total of 109 members in attendance; 11 visitors, 25- 33°, 10 MSA's, and 2 candidates.

The two candidates are: Brad Richardson of Clinton Lodge #47 and Joshua Strenk of W. H. Ricksecker Lodge #606.

### **Belle Norris Student**

After knowing that our daughter, Belle, was struggling significantly with reading and writing in 2nd grade, the school assessed her and put her on an I.E.P. We found out that she had dyslexia in the beginning of 3rd grade and immediately knew where to bring her. After years of knowing about the Dyslexia Centers through Eastern Star charities and supporting fundraising efforts for the Canton Center, we contacted Carol Jones immediately and had Belle put on the waiting list.

Belle started at the center as a very shy and timid girl. She was scared to read, talk or express herself. She cried over homework every night, which usually took 4-5 hours to complete. When she started at the center she was reading 4 grade levels behind her peers. Before she wasn't even trying to sound out words, she just guessed by looking at the first few letters.

Joanne has been a wonderful tutor and influence in her life. Belle's reading gap has closed, but still has a ways to go. Now, she attempts to sound out the words. She never gives up and has a more positive outlook when it comes to homework. Thanks to the positive influence of the center and assistive technology, she is confidently able to do her homework on her own now in less than an hour. Her grades have improved and show how smart she really is. Belle is more confident, outspoken and willing to help others with dyslexia. With an understanding of her disability, she loves books and wants to improve her reading skills even more. Belle has even built a library in her bedroom.

A big part of Belle's life is Girl Scouts mainly because she doesn't feel the dyslexia holding her back. Now in 6th grade, Belle has chosen to do her Silver Award project in Girl Scouts to raise awareness about dyslexia. She is leading other girls in building Little Free Libraries all over our community. Belle is planning on building one for the Canton Dyslexia Center to help encourage other kids struggling with dyslexia to read and have a love of reading. She even has plans to have them help decorate it.

We look forward to her graduation this June and thank her tutor Joanne and Director Carol for all that they have done to support our daughter in her growth. We are confident that this tutoring has made a lasting difference in her life and all the miles and time were worth it.

Thank you,

Heather & Eric Norris

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### **Tutor Joan**

Joan has been with the Center since 2004 as a tutor. She is a Certified Advance tutor and is also certified as a Supervisor of tutors. "I especially enjoy working one on one with each child. It is very gratifying to me to see the progression of improvement with consistent lessons".

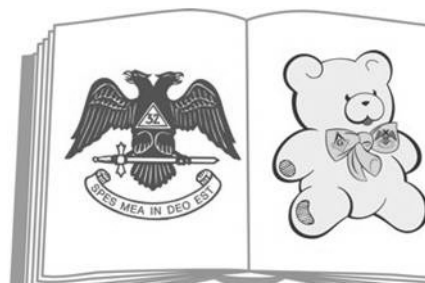
### **Tutor - JoAnn**

JoAnn began her training in 2008 and received certification as an Orton-Gillingham reading tutor in Feb. 2009. She added the Advanced level of certification in July 2012. "Tutoring children with dyslexia is very rewarding and also challenging. Each student is unique with special strengths and weaknesses. Being able to meet each student's needs individually is a wonderful opportunity as a tutor. Seeing each child's progress and positive response to this program is amazing."

I am so grateful for the O-G training I have received. I only hope the Canton Children's Dyslexia Center can continue to serve these students. I have now been able to touch numerous children's lives that have a vital need to read. To Belle and all my other past and present students, you fulfill an important purpose in my life. Thank you



Belle Norris with Tutor JoAnn



**From The Children's  
Dyslexia Center**





## A Portrait of a Freemason

*Aimee E. Newell, Ph.D., Director of Collections  
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Lexington, MA*

In our recent exhibition, “Every Variety of Painting for Lodges’: Decorated Furniture, Paintings and Ritual Objects from the Collection,” we included a few portraits from the collection showing men wearing jewelry or regalia that identified them as Masons. As we explained in the exhibition, sometimes these portraits marked personal achievements, like holding a lodge office, while other times they allowed the sitter to proclaim his affiliation with the fraternity as a valued part of his self-identity.

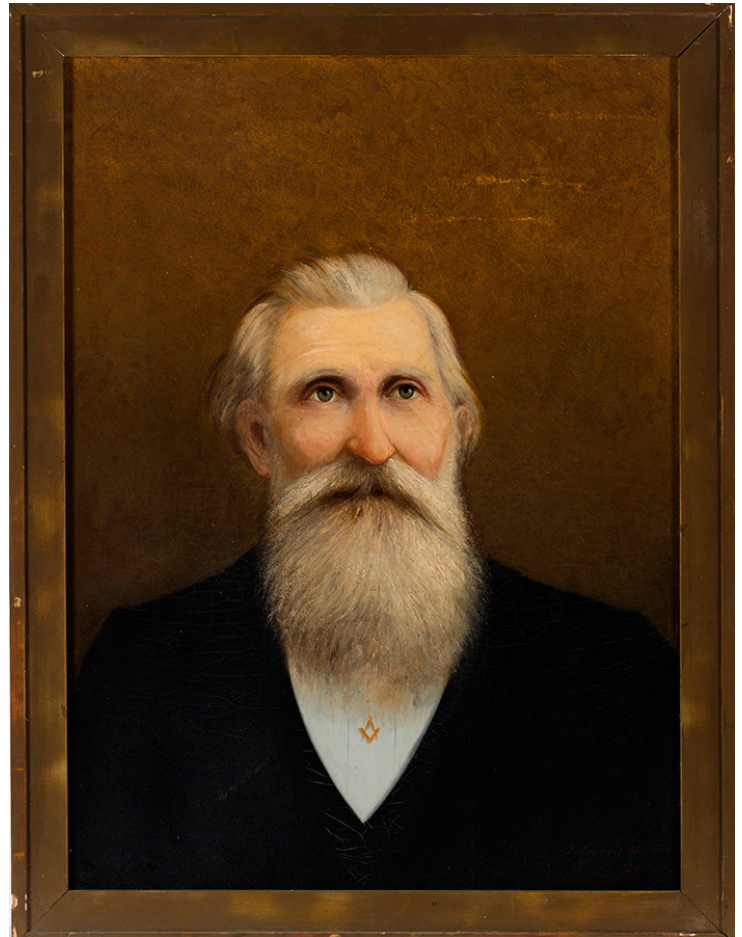
Recently, we acquired another portrait of a man wearing a simple black coat and white shirt, with a yellow pin at the center of his shirt – in the shape of a square and compasses symbol. Unfortunately, there was no information with the portrait about its provenance or the identity of the subject. We were interested in adding it to the collection because it showed the value this member placed on his Masonic activities. But, during the cataloging process, we noticed that the portrait is signed by its artist.

Artist Edward Hill (1843-1923) was born in England, but grew up in Massachusetts. He began his painting career in Gardner, Massachusetts, where he worked at the Heywood-Wakefield Company, and later moved to New Hampshire. In New Hampshire, Hill became a well-known landscape painter, part of the White Mountain school of artists. His brother Thomas was also part of this school. Edward Hill worked as a resident artist at some of the mountain resorts. This allowed him to increase awareness and sales of his work, while the hotel attracted visitors who wanted to see an artist working. Toward the end of his life, Hill moved to Oregon where he died in 1923.

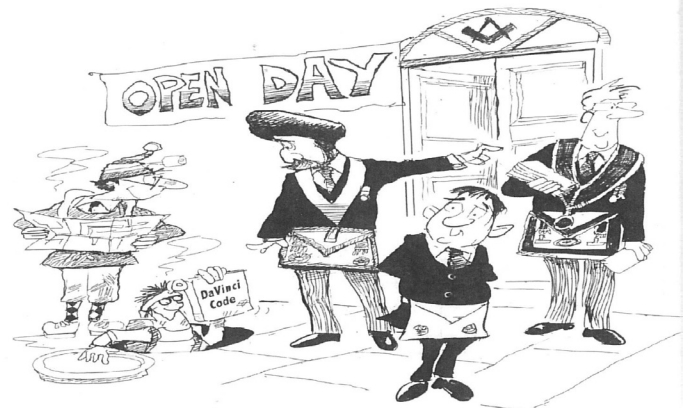
While it was exciting to discover that this portrait was painted by a known artist, it was even more exciting to discover that Edward Hill was a Mason himself! In Massachusetts, his membership record lists him as an “ornamental painter” and tells us that he was a member of Orange Lodge in 1872. He demitted from that lodge in 1879, probably because of his move to New Hampshire. Hill remained active in Freemasonry in New Hampshire. The records at the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire list two Edward Hills: one joined Nashua’s Rising Sun Lodge No. 39 in 1870. The other joined Manchester’s Washington Lodge No. 61 in 1873. It seems likely that the artist Edward Hill was the man who belonged to Rising Sun Lodge No. 39. That lodge is also listed on his membership card in Massachusetts. In addition, Hill was a member of Union Royal Arch Chapter and of Burns Lodge No. 66 in Littleton (according to dues cards in a collection of family papers at the New Hampshire Historical Society). When he moved to Oregon, he joined Hood River Lodge No. 105 and Hood River Royal Arch Chapter No. 27.

We still don’t know who this subject was, but it seems

but it seems quite possible that he was a Masonic brother of artist Edward Hill. For now, we are happy to add this portrait to our collection and to be able to tell the story of the value that artist and sitter both placed on their Masonic membership.



Unidentified Man, 1896, Edward Hill (1843-1923), probably New Hampshire, collection of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, 2015.048. Photograph by David Bohl.



So where we can, we've adopted a more open attitude...

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Every year on March 17, the Irish and the Irish-at-heart across the globe observe St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the patron saint of Ireland has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture with parades, dancing, special foods and a whole lot of green.

### St. Patrick's Day

We all know that when three-leaf clovers come out, it's **St. Patrick's Day**. This Irish holiday is always celebrated on **March 17th**, which is the day that Saint Patrick died. He was a missionary way back in the 4th century who converted the Irish to **Christianity**.

#### Did You Know

- **Green** is associated with St. Patrick's Day because it is the color of **spring**, Ireland and the shamrock.
- **Leprechauns** are also associated with St. Patrick's Day, although the only reason they are is because they're Irish. Leprechauns are **usually mean little creatures** - with the exception of the Lucky Charms guy.
- **People** give Saint Patrick credit for chasing all the **snakes** out of Ireland. The truth is that snakes are **not indigenous** to Ireland.

### St. Patrick's Day History

St Patrick is known as the patron saint of Ireland. True, he was not born Irish. But he has become an integral part of the Irish heritage, mostly through his service across Ireland of the 5th century.

Patrick was born in the latter half of the 4th century AD. There are differing views about the exact year and place of his birth. According to one school of opinion, he was born about 390 A.D., while the other school says it is about 373 AD. Again, his birth place is said to be in either Scotland or Roman England. His real name was probably Maewyn Succat. Though Patricius was his Romanized name, he was later came to be familiar as Patrick.

Patrick was the son of Calpornius, a Roman-British army officer. He was growing up as naturally as other kids in Britain. However, one day a band of pirates landed in south Wales and kidnapped this boy along with many others. Then they sold him into slavery in Ireland. He was there for 6 years, mostly imprisoned. This was when changes came to him. He dreamed of having seen God. Legend says, he was then dictated by God to escape with a getaway ship.

Finally, he did escape and went to Britain. And then to France. There he joined a monastery and studied under St. Germain, the bishop of Auxerre. He spent around 12 years in training. And when he became a bishop he dreamed that the Irish were calling him back to Ireland to tell them about God. The Confessio, Patrick's spiritual autobiography, is the most important document regarding this.. It tells of a dream after

his return to Britain, in which one Victorinus delivered him a letter, headed "The Voice of the Irish."

So he set out for Ireland with the Pope's blessings. There he converted the Gaelic Irish, who were then mostly Pagans, to Christianity. He was confident in the Lord, he journeyed far and wide, baptizing and confirming with untiring zeal. And, in a diplomatic fashion he brought gifts to a kinglet here and a lawgiver there, but accepted none from any.

Indeed, Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. Through active preaching, he made important converts even among the royal families. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. For 20 years he had traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches which would aid him in his conversion. He developed a native clergy, fostered the growth of monasticism, established dioceses, and held church councils.

Patrick's doctrine is considered orthodox and has been interpreted as anti-Pelagian. Although he is not particularly noted as a man of learning, a few of his writings remain extant: his Confession, a reply to his detractors, and several letters. The Lorica ("Breastplate"), a famous hymn attributed to Patrick, may date to a later period. By the end of the 7th century Patrick had become a legendary figure, and the legends have continued to grow since then. There are many legends associated with St Patrick. It is said that he used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the concept of the Trinity; which refers to the combination of Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Hence its strong association with his day and name. Legend also has that Saint Patrick had put the curse of God on venomous snakes in Ireland. And he drove all the snakes into the sea where they drowned.

True, these are mostly legends. But, after some 1500 years, these legends have been inseparably combined with the facts. And together they have helped us know much about the Saint and the spirit behind celebration of the day. Patrick's mission in Ireland lasted for over 20 years. He died on March 17, AD 461. That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since. The day's spirit is to celebrate the universal baptism of Ireland. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday. Or, rather, 'be an Irish Day'. And the Irish has borne it as part of their national tradition in everywhere they populated and prospered. The Catholic feast day for this most loved of Irish saints has become a holiday in celebration of the Irish and Irish culture. The leprechaun, a Celtic fairy, has become entrenched as a chief symbol for this holiday, as is the shamrock, an ancient symbol for the triple goddess Brigit. It is fitting that this holiday should fall at the time of the year when the return of spring begins to seem at hand. But why the icons like the green color, the tri-leafed shamrock, the leprechaun, or the pot of gold and Blarney's stone- all came to be associated with the celebration of this Day?



## St. Patrick's Day Around The World

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in towns and cities right across the globe, but it's probably fair to say that nowhere can the festivities match the excitement and atmosphere of St. Patrick's Day in Ireland

**In Ireland,** St. Patrick's Day is more of a religious holiday similar to Christmas and Easter. Many Irish people start the day by going to mass and offering prayers for the Saint and missionaries all over the world. After that people flock to their local village or town to see the annual Saint Patrick's Day parade – and this is where the real celebrations begin! With grand parades, community feasts, charity show, the mass, St Patrick's Day is celebrated in Ireland with great gusto. The parades, shamrocks, and green beer are provided primarily for tourists. In fact, it has turned out to be one of the most celebrated events in Ireland and a major tourist attraction.

**Saint Patrick's Day** is celebrated worldwide by the Irish people and increasingly by many of non-Irish descent (usually in Australia, North America, and Ireland), hence the phrase, "Everyone wants to be Irish on St. Patrick's Day." Celebrations are generally themed around all things green and Irish; both Christians and non-Christians celebrate the secular version of the holiday by wearing green or orange, eating Irish food and/or green foods, imbibing Irish drink (usually Guinness), and attending parades.

**Saint Patrick's Day** parades in Ireland date from the late 19th century, originating in the growing sense of Irish nationalism. The St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin, Ireland is part of a five-day festival; over 500,000 people attended the 2006 parade. With bands, music, dance, shamrock, leprechauns, green coloured clothing and loads of power packed performance, the Irish parade on Saint Patrick's Day is a sight to behold!

Almost everything in Ireland is closed on Saint Patrick's Day with the exception of pubs and restaurants. Many Irish people wear a bunch of shamrocks ("three-leaf clover") on their lapels or caps on this day or green, white, and orange badges (after the colors of the Irish flag). Girls and boys wear green in their hair. Artists draw shamrock designs on people's cheeks as a cultural sign, including American tourists.

## In the United Kingdom

The largest Saint Patrick's Day parade in the UK is held in Birmingham over a two mile route through the city centre. The organisers describe it as the third biggest parade in the world after Dublin and New York. Other Saint Patrick's Day parades take place around the country including in London where the largest minority community is Irish. The Lanarkshire town of Coatbridge where the majority of the town's population are of Irish descent also has a day of celebration and parades in the town centre. In Birmingham, St. Patrick's Festival is one of the city's premier community events, with the Irish community numbering around 140,000 people

## In the United States

The early Irish immigrants like the English, Dutch, German, French and the like, brought their traditions to the United States. But it was not until 1737 that the immigrants really celebrated the Day. Irish colonists brought Saint Patrick's Day to what is now the United States of America.

During the first civic and public celebration of Saint Patrick's Day in the 13 colonies, which took place in Boston, Massachusetts in 1737, The Charitable Irish Society of Boston organized what was the first Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the colonies on 17 March 1737. The first celebration of Saint Patrick's Day in New York City was held at the Crown and Thistle Tavern in 1756, and New York's first Saint Patrick's Day Parade was held on 17 March 1762 by Irish soldiers in the British Army. Held since 1762, the New York City parade on St Patrick's Day now draws more than one million spectators each year. In 1780, General George Washington, who commanded soldiers of Irish descent in the Continental Army, allowed his troops a holiday on 17 March. This event became known as The St. Patrick's Day Encampment of 1780. Today, Saint Patrick's Day is widely celebrated in America by Irish and non-Irish alike.

In the US, Americans celebrate the holiday by wearing green clothing. Many people, regardless of ethnic background, wear green-colored clothing and items. Traditionally, those who are caught not wearing green are pinched. Alcohol is the center of many American celebrations.

Some cities paint the traffic stripe of their parade routes green. Chicago even dyes its river green. Savannah dyes its downtown city fountains green. Indianapolis dyes its Central Canal green. University of Missouri Rolla - St. Pat's Board Alumni paint 12 city blocks Kelly green with mops before the annual parade.

## In Canada

In Canada, Saint Patrick's Day is an official holiday only in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Some groups, notably Guinness, have lobbied to make Saint Patrick's Day a federal (national) holiday.

The longest-running Saint Patrick's Day parade in Canada occurs each year in Montreal, Québec. The parades have been held in continuity since 1824; however, St. Patrick's Day itself has been celebrated in Montreal as far back as 1759 by Irish soldiers in the Montreal Garrison following the British conquest of New France.

The Toronto St. Patrick's Day Parade is one of the largest in North America. Since it began in 1988, the parade has grown to include 100 organizations, 32 Irish county associations, 2,000 marchers, 30 floats, 14 bands as well as an assortment of wolfhounds, leprechauns and talking shamrocks.



## Working Out the Date of Easter Day

Because the Church calendar follows the moon, Easter Day can be on any Sunday from March 22nd to April 25th!

Easter is the Christian celebration of the anniversary of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This happened on a date representing the first Full Moon of Spring on the Jewish Calendar. Because of that, Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the first calculated Full Moon on or after March 21st. If the Full Moon is on a Sunday, Easter Day is on the next Sunday.

For the past 1500 years, March 21st has been used to represent the date of the March equinox (the real equinox might be a day or two different). There are two equinoxes a year, one in March and one in September. Equinox means 'equal night' and on the Equinoxes the day and night are of the same length. The March Equinox is also known as the Vernal Equinox.

Several methods have been used since early Christian times to work out the date of Easter Day. It was made more complicated in 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII replaced the old Roman 'Julian' calendar (started by Julius Caesar) with a new more accurate 'Gregorian' calendar, which most people still use today. In the UK, Easter was first calculated using the Gregorian calendar in 1753 when the country had changed calendars.

Catholic and western Christians now use the Gregorian calendar to find the date of Easter. However, some Orthodox churches celebrate Easter Day on a different day because they still use the old Julian Calendar (which is now 13 days behind the Gregorian calendar) and also a different moon to calculate from.

In the Gregorian Calendar, Easter can be on the dates from March 22nd to April 25th.

In 2008, Easter was on March 23rd, about as early as it can be. This is probably the earliest Easter anyone reading this page will see in the rest of their lives! You'll

have only had an earlier Easter if you're over 95 years old (it happened in 1913)! And no one has ever, or will, see it any earlier!

The next time Easter will be as early as in 2008 will be in the year 2160! The next time it will be on March 22nd (as early as it can be), will be in the year 2285. Easter last occurred on March 22nd in 1818! (However, in Orthodox churches in 2010 Easter will be on March 22nd. It will be on April 4th in the Gregorian calendar.)



## Finding Employers Online

*By Monica Rose Gwin*

*OhioMeansJobs Centers in Stark and Tuscarawas Counties*

When you are looking for a job it is important to research companies with employment opportunities. It is just as important to find out about other companies in your area that may have openings, but also about their competitors.

"A great deal of information about companies can be found by using the Employer Locator on the CareerOneStop.org website," says Amy Miller, Resource Center Manager/One-Stop Officer for OMJ Centers.

Miller explains that this website is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor and is a treasure trove of information about employers not only in your area, but across the United States. If you are thinking of relocating this is a valuable tool.

The Employer Locator allows you to put in the type of job you are looking for, the zip code, city or state you are interested in; and set a location area such as 5 miles, 25 miles or 50 miles. It will bring up all the employers in that range along with the name, address and telephone number of each company, making contact with them much easier.

It will give a brief description of the type of company and the industry sector it covers. It also will provide the number of employees, the date the company was established, the distance from your location and the option to create a map directly from the website.

"You will find a wealth of information about employers, and most likely discover some employers you didn't even know existed. Another advantage is that once you have company names, you can go to the company website directly and find out additional information," says Miller.

"You also can download specific company information to your computer, so if you are looking at several companies you can save information to review at a later time," adds Miller.

Employer Locator also allows you to put additional filters on the employer information to refine your search. You can look at company size, job title, industry and state. These filters make it much easier to narrow down the information you want.

Employers like to see job seekers who are willing to take the extra step. Using Employer Locator will give you more opportunities to find out about potential work places, but also about company information and other valuable data.

*To learn more of Amy's job search tips tune in Mondays at 3:15pm on WJER 1450 AM Radio and on Wednesdays at 11:40am on Mix 94.1 and 12:42pm on News Talk 1480.*

# Scottish Rite Events

## MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDEES

The MSA club holds a monthly scheduled breakfast for all MSA Awardees throughout 2016. They are held the second Tuesday of each month at John's Bar at 9:00 AM.

The schedule for 2016 is as follows. The breakfast is open to all Scottish Rite members. Plan on attending.

March	8 <sup>th</sup>	September	13 <sup>th</sup>
April	12 <sup>th</sup>	October	11 <sup>th</sup>
May	10 <sup>th</sup>	November	8 <sup>th</sup>
June (flag Day)	14 <sup>th</sup>	December	13 <sup>th</sup>
July	12 <sup>th</sup>		
August	9 <sup>th</sup>		

The Valley of Canton MSAs are always working diligently to support the efforts of the Valley.



At the Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> breakfast at John's Bar there were 11 MSA members and five 33° members in attendance.

All enjoyed good fellowship and a very nice breakfast.

Where law ends, tyranny begins. ( William Pitt)

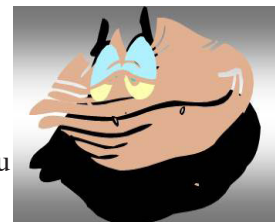
The administration of justice is the firmest pillar of government. (George Washington)

When liberty becomes license, dictatorship is near.

To delay Justice is Injustice

Check out Clinton Lodge # 47 in Massillon, they have a breakfast the second Saturday of each month. Please come and enjoy the fellowship. It's 8:00 to 10:00 AM.

## William H. Hoover Lodge #770 to Conduct its 12th Annual Oyster Lodge and Dinner



Well time is going by fast and before you know it; the Annual Oyster Lodge will soon be here. Mark your calendar now for **Wednesday, March 30, 2016** to attend Hoover Lodge's Annual Oyster Lodge and Dinner. **Check-in will begin at 5:30 PM with dinner starting at 6:30 PM** and the Oyster Lodge function will immediately follow dinner (at about 7:30 PM). Come for an evening of good food, fun entertainment and enjoyable camaraderie. **The Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, Most Worshipful Brother Robert C. Rill, Jr. will be in attendance.** So don't miss this event! This is not a tyled lodge and we, therefore, encourage you to invite non-masons whom you feel would make great masons. The attire for the evening is casual and we encourage all to wear their favorite Hawaiian shirt. The cost of this function is **\$15 per person** (payable at the door) With **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**; with dinner consisting of:

*Oyster Stew, Fish, Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, "Bill's Rice Pudding" and Beverages.*

Because of the expense in making the oyster stew, we ask that you **call/mail/e-mail your reservation by March 23, 2016** so that we can plan efficiently and provide for all who wish to eat.

Make your reservation with **Rick L. Miller** by calling 330-353- 2947 or e-mailing miller-rick@att.net or by mailing the reservation form to:

<b>Rick L. Miller</b>	OR	<b>Wm. H. Hoover #770</b>
2021 Windham St. NE		805 Orchard Ave. NE
Canton, Ohio 44721		North Canton, OH 44720



## Wm. H. Hoover #770 - Oyster Lodge Dinner

**March 30, 2016 @ 5:30 pm - sign-in**

Name(s) of all attending \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Attended Previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Pearl Diving License' per Person  
-\$15 (payable at the door)

## Hawaiian Shirt Attire

**(If you don't like oysters or fish, that's okay; come join us for some fun in Lodge at 7:30 pm.)**







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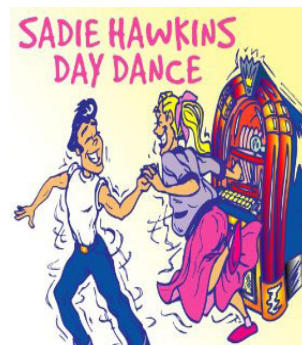
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e-mail: canton32mlc@aol.com

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Please print all information & return forms by April 18, 2016



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Mail to:

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## In memoriam

*A new commandment I write unto you... He that saith is in the  
Light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth  
His brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling  
In him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness,  
and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.  
(New Testament, I John 11:8-11)*

*The Grand Architect of the Universe has received the following into His Presence:  
With sympathy and sorrow, we share in the loss of our brothers:*

Russell K. Donning      Vernard Hampton      Robert D. Murphy  
Kenneth E. Gold      Jerry A. Miller

### The following have been reported as ill or distressed

Robert W. Alexander	Gary W. Guist	Louis Lautzenheiser	Earl Somoskey, MSA	
Alfred M. Biller	Robert Hahn, 33°	Gust Malavite	Ronald Stack	
George A. Boyle	Ray Hall	Richard Manos	William Steven	
James L. Branch	Thomas A Heakin	Dale F. Mose	Patrick Supples	
Bobby G. Burns	William S. Herman	Don C. Nixon	James B. Tedrick	
Ellis D. Bush	Clark C. Hoehn	William Noggle, 33°	Rev. Raymond Tucker	
James R. Daubenspeck	Jim Hone, MSA	Robert Redenback	James D Wrana	
David Dull	Don Hurles	Earnest Riddle	Clayton Wright	
James Fugatt	David Johnson, Jr.	E. Jay Robson, 33°	Harold Young	
Paul E. Griffin	Laverne M. Kandle	Kenneth O. Sampsel	James D. Young	
	Paul A. Kliner			