

32° MASONS - VALLEY OF CANTON
CHRONICLE

FEBRUARY, 2012

Emeth Lodge of Perfection 14° - David L. Detchon - Thrice Potent Master
Mystic Council, Princes of Jerusalem 16° - Terry L. Rundquist - Sovereign Prince
Brenton Chapter of Rose Croix 18° - Danny L. Welch - Most Wise Master
Stark Consistory 32° - Blaine J. Werner - Commander-in-Chief



THIS IS WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT

The following is an unsolicited letter from one of the many graduates of the Masonic Learning Center. It shows how big an impact the center had on her life. This is the type of testimonial that must be shared with all of the Brethren.

Dear Scottish Rite and the Masonic Learning Center:

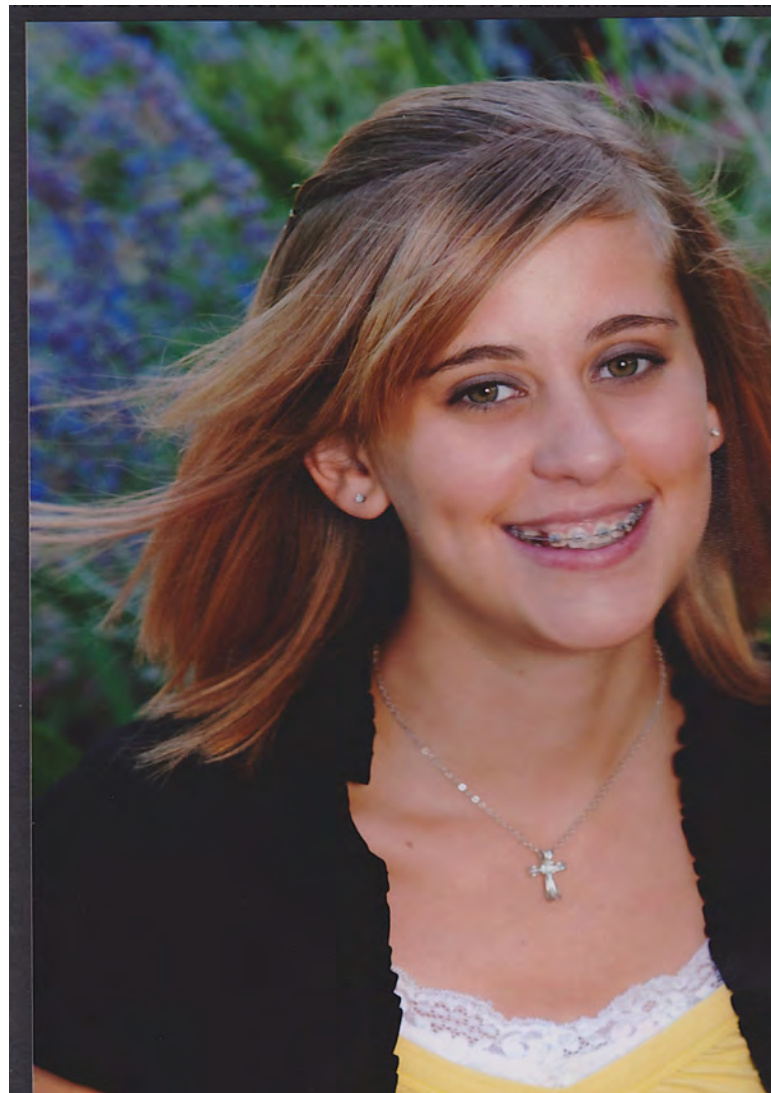
Thank you for everything you have done with the Learning Center. As a former student I have to say I really appreciate everything you have taught me. I joined the program my Seventh Grade Year and finished at the end of Eighth Grade. I am a Senior this year at Canton South and Perry High Schools. I am in Perry's Teacher Academy Program and wish to become a third through fifth grade teacher.

I am currently teaching Eighth Grade Pre-Algebra and Algebra I. I have taught a lesson in that age group but I have found out that I work better with third through fifth grade. I plan on attending Kent Stark State so I can stay close to home and help my grandparents out. After I graduate from Kent I hope to find a great job teaching on an Indian reservation in Montana. I also plan on getting my reading endorsement, a special education degree, and a Certificate to use therapy dogs in my classroom.

I plan to further my education by going back to school for my Masters in Education. After I receive my masters, I want to come back to the Masonic Temple and tutor students with learning disabilities. I want to be able to change their lives like you have changed mine. I could not be doing what I'm doing, now, if it was not for your help. Thank you so much for everything you have done. I hope the students you have right now will see that the program will impact them as much as it has impacted me.

One of your former students,

Rebecca M. Burns



Rebecca M. Burns

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FROM OUR SECRETARY

Brethren, we can never be sure what the weather will be like in Northeast Ohio from one day to the next, especially during Winter. What we can be certain about, however, is that in the Valley of Canton there will always be ICE to get us through the doldrums of wintertime and rekindle our interest in all that Scottish Rite has to

offer. Although the weather may be constantly changing, what will remain the same is the Valley Leadership's commitment to the continuous promotion of Inspirational, Convenient and Enjoyable events for Scottish Rite brethren. Plan on joining us at the Stated Meeting on Thursday, February 9 at 7:30PM and rediscover why the interesting programs, refreshments and camaraderie always in evidence at our events make Scottish Rite the "Fraternity of Choice." And let's not forget our members who might need a ride.

The month of March provides plenty of opportunities for members to come together and to introduce Master Masons to the beauties the additional light of Scottish Rite Masonry provides. Mark your calendars for Saturday morning, March 3, when the Valley of Canton will confer the 4°, 6° and 16° at Charity Lodge #530 in Deerfield, Ohio We'll start at a convenient time, 10:00AM, portray three degrees in an inspirational manner, and enjoy a delicious lunch, before proceeding home at approximately 12:30PM. What we need to guarantee success are members and candidates. You'll be glad you came, and so will we. Valley activities in the month continue with the Quarterly Stated Meeting at the Canton Temple at 7:30PM on Thursday, March 8, preceded by a delicious dinner at 6:30PM. As always, the Meeting will feature an interesting and informative program.

Brethren, there is no better way to say goodbye to Winter and welcome Spring than by attending the 233rd Reunion of the Valley of Canton on Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31. The Spring Reunion honors Ill. Hal G. Dill, 33°, for his outstanding service to Scottish Rite and features a delicious dinner and inspiring portrayal of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb, both open to the public, on Friday evening, and superb ritual work for the benefit of members and candidates all day on Saturday. This Reunion, recognizing the accomplishments of Ill. Bro. Dill, promises to be another event that candidates and members will remember for many years to come.

Finally, as we look ahead to the future, I want to express my thanks to Mrs. LaVonne Haley, who retired at the end of December, 2011, after 14 years of dedicated service as the Office Manager in the Valley of Canton. During her tenure, she established a reputation for efficiency and competence and was an integral part of ensuring that the Office functioned administratively on a daily basis, and that the many special events the Valley sponsored were successful. The Valley of Canton is stronger because of her *(Continued on page 4)*



MEMBERSHIP

Brethren, we have an opportunity to bring some brothers back to Scottish Rite through a pilot program from Supreme Council. Ohio has been given an opportunity to test a MEMBERSHIP RESTORATION program. This program is referred to as the 25/25/25 plan.

All brothers in good standing in Blue Lodge will be given the opportunity to be restored to membership within the Valley of Canton for the total of \$75. This \$75 will reinstate them for the remainder of 2012. \$25 will be given to the brother who makes the call to reinstate each suspended person. \$25 will go to the Valley of Canton, and the remaining money will be used to pay the Supreme Council assessment. The hope is that the restored brother will be enthusiastic about the new emphasis upon membership enjoyment, and he will continue to pay his dues in the years to come. There are 481 suspensions by the Valley of Canton in the last 10 years.

If you are interested in helping to call any of these suspended men, please let the Valley secretary know, or contact me at 330-904-0722. If you can bring back 10 men, you will receive \$250! Prior to handing out any lists, we will be asking the lodge secretaries to help let us know if these fellows are still in good standing within their Blue Lodge.

By the time you read this, we will be approximately one month away from our out-of-the-Valley experience in Portage County. There has been a change in location since the last bulletin to accommodate the new audio/visual equipment enhancements. The degree work will take place on March 3, at Charity Lodge #530, 2380 St. Rte. 225, Deerfield, OH. The work will begin at 10am and last until about 12:30pm. There will be a lunch during the 16th degree. Lunch reservations will be needed so we can be ready to serve everyone. All are welcome. We will present the 4th, 6th, and 16th degrees that day. We already have a couple of petitions but sure could use many more. This will be an opportunity for brothers to start their Scottish Rite journey in a convenient location. They can then come to Canton on March 30 and 31, to become 32nd degree Masons and see 6 more degrees than on the 3rd of March.

Each stated meeting, more brothers and Scottish Rite club directors stand up to announce activities for brothers, their families, and friends. For instance, Juilliard Lodge is sponsoring a visit to a car museum in March. The Tuscarawas Club is sponsoring a pre-reunion dinner on March 24 and had a dinner meeting on January 13 that included the ladies. The Valley of Canton is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington D.C. over August 3,4, and 5, with many activities planned for the brothers and their ladies. This is in conjunction with the Grand Master's plans at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. The Central Stark Club will be sponsoring another steak fry this summer. *(Continued on page 4)*



Trestle Board

A.A.S.R. VALLEY OF CANTON

Frank L. Sekeres, 33°, Deputy's Representative
to the Valley of Canton
James G. Fidler, 33°, Executive Secretary

FEBRUARY

Thurs., Feb. 9 - 7:30 PM AASR Stated Meeting

MARCH

Sat., Mar. 3 - Mini-Reunion at Charity Lodge #530,
Deerfield, Ohio. Begins at 10:00 AM;
4°, 6°, and 16° ends app. 12:30 PM

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

Fri. & Sat., Mar. 30 & 31 - AASR Spring Reunion
Ill. Hal G. Dill, 33° Class
Feast of Paschal Lamb on Fri.,
Mar. 30; 4°, 10°, 14°, 18°, 22°,
31,32°, on Sat., Mar. 31

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri., April 6 - **GOOD FRIDAY**
PASSOVER - Sundown Fri. April 6
Until Sundown April 8

Sun., April 8 - **EASTER**

Thurs., April 12 - 7:30 PM - AASR Stated Meeting

Thurs., May 10 - 7:30 PM - AASR Annual Meeting, Election
of Officers

Sat., May 12 - 6:00 PM -21st District Grand Master's Dinner
at the Canton Temple

Sat., May 19 - 4:00 PM -AASR Installation of Officers and
Dinner at Canton Temple

Sat., May 26 - 6:00 PM -AASR Awards Night Banquet at
TheCanton Temple

Fri. & Sat., June 1 & 2 - Ohio Council of Deliberation meets
at Akron/Fairlawn Hotel

Thurs., June 28 - 6:00PM - AASR Scholarship Night

Wed., July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

Thurs., July 12 - 7:30 PM AASR Stated Meeting

Thurs., Aug., 9 - 7:30 PM AASR Stated Meeting

Sun.-Tues., Aug., 26-28 Supreme Council in Cleveland, Oh.

Thurs., Sept., 13, 6:30 PM Quarterly Dinner
7:30 PM AASR Stated Meeting

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PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION

The AASR Valley of Canton is seeking someone to work as a part time office assistant to our Executive Secretary. This individual must be a proficient typist, familiar with Microsoft Office Suite, and be friendly and courteous on the telephone and in person.

The hours will be flexible and may involve some nights and/ or weekends. The individual will operate under the direction of the Executive Secretary and will perform clerical and administrative functions integral to the success of Valley events and our efforts to serve the members. Resumes may be sent to: AASR, Valley of Canton, Attn: Secretary, Masonic Temple, 836 Market Avenue N., Canton, Ohio 44702.

March Program Memory Care Update

Throughout it's history, the Ohio Masonic Home has provided care with concern and compassion for all its residents. Yet, in recent years, Alzheimer's has caused us to ask members of our family to leave our Western Reserve Campus in Medina because they or a loved one have reached a stage of the disease beyond that in which we can properly and safely care for them.

Jay Dettorre, Executive Director, Western Reserve Masonic Community, will present a program after our March Stated meeting with an update on a campaign that was recently launched to build a 24-unit Memory Care Center at WRMC to provide a place for our residents who have this dreadful disease.

No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure, and good without the world being better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.
Phillips Brooks

(Secretary Continued)

her conscientious efforts, managerial skills, and desire to help the members by making sure the Office remained a viable vehicle for meeting their needs. Her skill and commitment will be sorely missed. We wish LaVonne, her husband Bob, and her family all the best in the years ahead.

See you soon.

James G. Fidler, 33°
Executive Secretary

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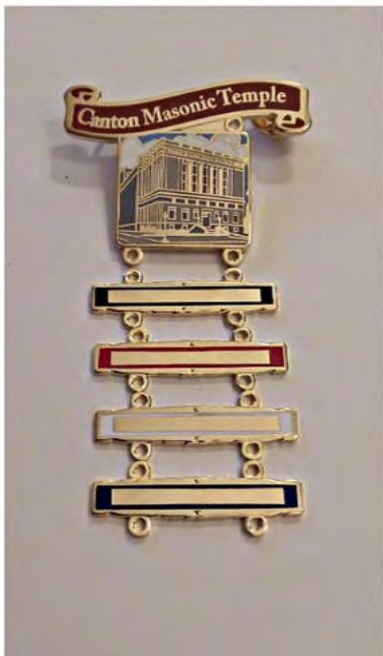
I hope to see you at the next stated meeting and your Scottish Rite Club meeting. Don't forget that we need petitions for the degree work and reunions this spring. Not everyone has had the opportunity to become a 32nd Degree Mason yet. Some officers made some calls in early January to talk about Scottish Rite with some brothers and discovered there are many fine Masons who are still not a member of any Valley, much less ours.

Wes Webber, Membership Chairman

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications are available from the Scottish Rite Office for the Leon M. Abbot Scholarship. This scholarship provides financial assistance to worthy applicants seeking to further their studies at academic institutions of higher learning for the academic year beginning in September, 2012. These scholarships are available to relatives of Scottish Rite Masons or members of Masonic sponsored organizations. **Deadline to turn them into the office is April 1, 2012**

Save Our Temple Medal



William H. Hoover Lodge #770 To Conduct

It's 8th Annual Oyster Lodge Dinner

Its that time of year again. Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, March 28, 2012. Check-in will begin at 6:00 PM with dinner starting at 6:30 PM, and the Oyster Lodge function to immediately follow dinner at about 7:30 PM. Come for an evening of good food, fun entertainment, and enjoyable camaraderie. Even the Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, Most Worshipful Kevin B. Todd is planning on being at this event. So don't miss it! The cost of this function is \$15 per person and the dinner will consist 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 21, 2012, so that we can plan efficiently and provide for all who wish to attend. **You can make your reservation by calling Rick L. Miller at 330-497-9652, or e-mailing him at miller-rick@att.net , or by mailing the reservation form to:**

Rick L. Miller

2021 Windham St. NE

Canton, OH 44721



Wm. H. Hoover #770 - Oyster Lodge Dinner

March 28, 2012 @ 6 PM

Name _____

Have You Attended Previously? Yes No

Number Attending _____

'Pearl Diving License' per Person - \$15

(payable at the door)

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

And if you call within the next 24 hours, we won't double your order, but your name will be closer to being first on the

SAVE THE TEMPLE

Over the last 7 months we have been preparing to kick off our fund drive to not only save the Temple, but to endow it. At the Christmas morning breakfast, WB Mike Emery kicked this project off for the committee. WB Emery introduced a medal with a picture of the Temple on its face. This is a reproduction of the picture that was on the front cover of the booklet handed out at the dedication of the Temple in 1926. WB Dan Heaton, a past Master from Canton 60, purchased the first Medal for the \$335.00 levels.

The medal is pictured below. As you can see, there are bars below the pin that indicate the amount of money given to save the temple. There are three levels of giving. Red indicates \$35.00 donation and will have your name engraved on the red hanger; Red and white indicate \$135.00 donation and will have your name engraved on the red bar and your blue lodge engraved on the white bar; and finally, red white and blue indicate \$335.00 donation to the temple and will have your name engraved on the red metal, your blue lodge engraved on the white bar, and your favorite Masonic organization on the blue bar. There is also a fourth black bar that indicates that the wearer is a committee chairman who is dedicated to saving our Temple. If you see a Brother wearing any one of these medals, take a moment to thank him for his help and service.

When doing the math, we realized that if many years ago the Temple had charged an additional 10 Dollars per year per brother, our Temple would be financially secure today. This security can still be achieved, but we must "catch up" for lost time. Therefore, we are asking that if you were part of the temple over the years to please consider a gift that would be a minimum of ten dollars per year that you enjoyed this facility. To those of you who would pay it forward, we will be forever grateful. These proceeds, along with the work being done by other committees and your help, will save the Temple and endow it for the future.

In these difficult times, we are aware that not everyone can afford to make a complete payment for the number of years that they have enjoyed the Temple. With this in mind, if you were not able to pay the full amount, we would invite you to make payments that are comfortable for you. All arrangements will be handled by the Masonic Association Secretary Treasurer Glen Owens

This medal symbolizes the efforts being made to insure that this fine facility will be available for us and future generations of Freemasons. We need your help. Certainly your financial contributions are needed, but your participation in this cause is also greatly valued. Look for a Brother who wears the medal and say to him, "I want to participate in this work".

Brothers, this is our Temple and we should all be proud to contribute to this cause.

Kind Regards:

Brother George German

Save Our Temple Pin Order Form

Qty _____

Price Level: Red: \$35.00 _____,

Red & White: \$135.00 _____,

Red White and Blue: \$335.00 _____,

Your Favorite Masonic Organization:

Your Lodge Number: _____

--Credit Cards Orders --

Your Credit Card: (Master Card, _____ Visa Card _____)

Name as it appears on card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Security Code on back of card: _____

--OR--

Please Mail your check to: Save The Temple Fund, c/o
Canton Masonic Assn., 836 Market Ave N., Canton Ohio
44701

Your Shipping Address:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

This coupon to be mailed to

Save The Temple Fund,
c/o Canton Masonic Assn.
836 Market Ave. N.
Canton, Ohio 44701



**233rd REUNION of the AASR, VALLEY of CANTON
FRIDAY and SATURDAY, MARCH 30 and 31, 2012**

The Spring Reunion of the Valley of Canton honors Ill. Hal G. Dill, 33°, for his outstanding service to Freemasonry and the Valley of Canton.

Festivities begin on Friday evening, March 30 at 6:00PM at the Masonic Temple in Canton with a gala dinner followed by a moving portrayal of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb, both events open to the public. During the course of the dinner, those in attendance will enjoy presentations by members of the Valley, comments by representatives of the Ill. Hal G. Dill, 33° Class and remarks by the Honoree himself.

After the dinner, all in attendance will repair to the Cathedral Room to observe what is certain to be a memorable rendition of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. This beautiful and impressive ceremony, featuring special music and pageantry, will be portrayed by Most Wise Master Danny L. Welch and the officers of Brenton Chapter of Rose Croix.

All are welcome at both events. **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE DINNER OR THE PORTRAYAL BUT RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND MUST BE MADE BY CONTACTING THE VALLEY OFFICE NO LATER THAN MARCH 23, 2012.**

The Spring Reunion concludes on Saturday, March 31, 2012. Scottish Rite Members and Candidates will enjoy coffee and donuts in the morning, a delicious lunch in the afternoon, and observe the outstanding ritual work the Valley of Canton is noted for. All in attendance can have their Passports stamped as they witness conferrals of the 4°, 6°, 10°, 14°, 18°, 22°, 31° and 32°.

All Scottish Rite Members and Candidates are urged to bring guests to the Friday evening events and then return on Saturday to experience the fellowship and camaraderie only spending time with your Scottish Rite brethren can provide.

Please plan on attending this wonderful event honoring **Ill. Hal G. Dill, 33°**. You'll be glad you came. And so will we.

Send a card to a Brother in need

Do you know a Brother who is feeling under the weather or needs some encouragement? Simply go to the Supremecouncil.org web site and click on the "Brother to Brother" icon. Then complete the attached form and they will process your request for a card from Headquarters offering get well greetings or encouragement from the Sovereign Grand Commander to the individual you identify.

(Please allow 7 days for processing time)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

MORGAN TAYLOR O'DONNELL

Morgan Taylor O'Donnell is 18 years old and is in the 11th Grade at Carrollton High School. Morgan has had a severe language disorder characterized by deficits in auditory comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, and pragmatic judgment. These are accompanied by severe secondary language disorder characterized by deficits in oral reading fluency, oral reading comprehension and written expression.

After 10 years of pleading for help from the public school system and requesting information as to where I could take her to be tested for Dyslexia, I always came up empty handed. I was always told that my daughter just needed to apply herself more to her studies and she would be just fine.

Finally, our search came to fruition in October 2010, when Morgan was working on a Biology project with her classmate, Lydia. Lydia's father, Bob Wiley, told me that I needed to call the Masonic Learning Center in Canton, and that Morgan would get the help that she needed. Bob gave me the phone number along with the names of the people that I needed to contact.

I had Morgan tested at Akron Children's Hospital and she was diagnosed with severe dyslexia. Upon receiving Morgan's test results, I immediately applied for help with the Masonic Learning Center. She was accepted into the program.

Morgan began her tutoring in, January 2011, with Mary Shurilla and in September 2011, with Judy Campbell using the Orton-Gillingham Program. Morgan has come a long way with her tutoring lessons. Morgan is feeling more confident and has been able to express herself better without the need to cry like she used to. As a result of the efforts of these teachers, for the first time in Morgan's life, she not only enjoys learning, but has had positive relationships and pleasant experiences with teachers.

I would like to sincerely thank the Masonic Learning Center, the Masons, Bob Wiley, Carol Jones, Judy Campbell, Mary Shurilla and everyone else at the center for helping my daughter, Morgan. If it wasn't for the Center, we don't know how we would have been able to find the help that she needed to become not only a more confident reader, but a more confident person.

The Masonic Learning Center is definitely a blessing. They are the greatest for any parent who has a child who struggles with reading!!

If you could have any famous band play for your PRIVATE birthday party, what band would you choose?

If you had a chance to go to a concert of any music star who has passed away, who would it be?



Morgan Taylor O'Donnell

JUDITH CAMPBELL

My name is Judith Campbell. I am married and we have five grown children and 10 grandchildren. I worked at the Akron-Summit County Public Library for seven years, the National Park Service (Cuyahoga Valley National Park) for 13 years, and the Summit County Common Pleas Court for eight years. I graduated from Hiram College with a BA in Social Sciences and a minor in Communications.

I took my initial training with the Learning Center in 2008, and have been tutoring since September of the same year. I am currently enrolled in the advanced training program for certified tutors. I heard about the Learning Center when I attended a dinner here at the Temple. I applied to become a tutor that year and have been with the Learning Center ever since.

I am also a member of the Delta Chapter of the Eastern Star. The dedication of the staff at the Learning Center is outstanding. They give countless hours to serve children who are dyslexic. I cannot think of any other program that would be as beneficial to so many children as this one. I have enjoyed every minute I have been associated with the program.

You have to count on living every single day in a way you believe will make you feel good about your life - - so that if it were over tomorrow, you'd be content with yourself.

Seymour

Some people make the world more special just by being in it.

Greetings from the Children's Dyslexia Center

- 13 Children are on the Wait List
- 29 Children are enrolled in the program
- 15 Tutors are certified at the initial level
- 4 Scholars are in Training
- 5 Tutors are in second year of the advanced level program
- 2 Tutors are certified at the advanced level

A display case is in the Main Lobby of the Temple. It contains items for sale that will benefit the Center.

Continuous Fund Raiser

The Children's Dyslexia Center has a **FUN FUNDS** with **GFS** Marketplace. If you shop at **GFS** and would like to help the Center earn funds, it will be greatly appreciated. There are three ways to enroll:

1. Get the link from your Fun Funds Coordinator.
2. Or go online at [Http://gfs.com/funfunds/home.page?OrgNumber=2494209](http://gfs.com/funfunds/home.page?OrgNumber=2494209)
3. Or pick up a form at the Center and present it at the store. They will give you your card.

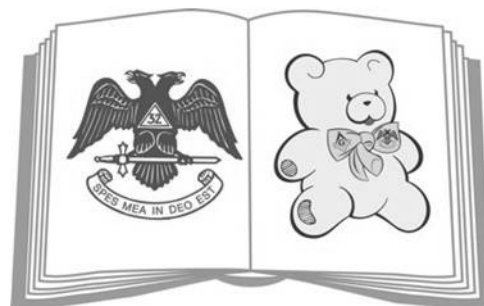
Every time you shop, show your Fun Funds Card to earn the rebate. **GFS** will send a check to the Center quarterly. This will be a continuous program. Thank you in advance for your help with this project.

Donations for the operation of the Center are always appreciated and they are tax deductible. A big thank you to the members who sent Center donations with their dues.

Carol Jones

Director

330-456-6373



Tribute to our Veterans

There are a number of Brethren who have served in our military over the years, from World War II to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It would be nice to recognize the veterans in the Chronicle for the service to their country.

We are going to start with WB Bill Allen, Past Master of Juilliard Lodge (2004) and member of the Valley of Canton.

Bill graduated from Lehman High School in 1943 and was drafted into the Army in 1944. He was sent to Fort Hayes in Columbus, Ohio for training. He was then assigned to Co. D of the 13th Regiment of the 8th Infantry Division.

Bill's unit was sent to England and then landed in Normandy France shortly after D-Day. He saw action in France and other countries of Central Europe. The 13th Regiment saw action in the front lines.

Bill got wounded in 1945, in Burgenstein, Germany, in the area of Rohr. This wound earned him a Purple Heart; he also was awarded the Bronze Star and three battle stars.

Bill held the rank of Sergeant and was a machine gunner during his time in the Army. He was discharged in 1946, and returned to Canton to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He also worked for the Hover Co., E.W. Bliss, and the Babcock & Wilcox Co., from where he retired. Bill currently lives in Osnaburg Township with his wife Corrinne. They will be married 65 years this June.



Sergeant William Allan

Job Tips That Have Changed

By Monica Rose Gwin

The Employment Source

Money Magazine recently looked at some tried and true job search tips and found that job search advice that was effective in the past is not necessarily effective today.

In the past, a resume should only be one page. This is no longer the case for people with a professional background; however, if you are new to the workforce and don't have a lot of skills, one page is still appropriate.

"It does not mean that you should write dense paragraphs of information about yourself on two pages," states Amy Miller, Resource Center Manager for The Employment Source. "The information should be concise and descriptive but not a book."

It is no longer necessary to include the line "references available upon request", because most employers know you have references and will ask you to provide them if they are needed.

Including an objective at the top of your resume is no longer appropriate. According to Miller, the problem you get into with objectives is that they are frequently so general that it doesn't tell the employer anything about you or what you are able to do.

"It screams generic resume, so the employer knows you are not necessarily interested in their company. Instead, include a highlight or skills summary section," advises Miller.

Investing in good resume paper is only needed if you are mailing a resume. Often a resume is sent via email or electronic application, so it is not necessary to use a quality paper. Miller cautions: if you are mailing a resume, avoid trendy colors and use only white or cream paper.

Lastly, don't include every job you have ever held on your resume. You only need to go back 10 years.

"Remember that not every job search tip is correct. The most important step to finding a job is to do your research," concludes Miller.

VETERANS HONOR FLIGHT INFORMATION

Veterans interested in applying for a seat on a future Honor Flight from the Canton Akron Airport to Washington DC. should contact Valerie Street Kinney, Executive Director, Honor Flights from Canton/Akron, 567 East Turkeyfoot Lake Road, Akron, Ohio 44319. Veterans are paired with "guardians" who assist in a one-day visit to national memorials.

Pre-Reunion Dinner

Dear Brethren,

The Tuscarawas County Scottish Rite Club will be holding its annual spring pre-reunion dinner on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of St. John's United Church of Christ (409 North Wooster Avenue) in Dover. Please note that the church is located just three blocks south of Tuscarawas Lodge #59, and banquet parking and entrance is behind the church (watch for sign at entrance). This dinner is open to all Scottish Rite members and their spouses. New Scottish Rite candidates and their spouses will be admitted for free.

Dinner Cost: \$15 per person

Menu: Chicken Cordon Bleu
 Real mashed potatoes
 Candied Carrots
 Tossed Salad
 Rolls, coffee and tea
 Baked Alaska

Entertainment: Special musical entertainment is being planned

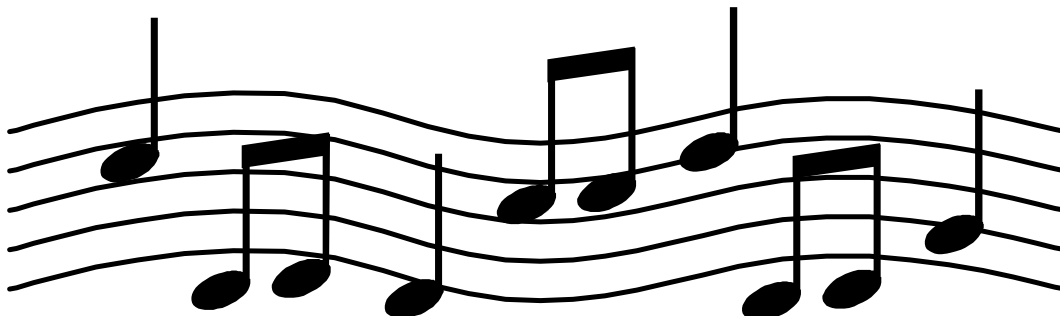
Reservations and Payment (checks payable to *Tusc. Co. Scottish Rite Club*) to:

Jed Miller
421 East 14th St.
Dover, OH 44622

OR Lodge Ambassadors

no later than Thursday, March 15th

Questions... call Jed at 330-243-2257



EXPLANATION CONCERNING DUES NOTICES

Brethren, this is the time of year when dues notices are mailed from Supreme Council in Lexington, Massachusetts, and you may have questions concerning the format of the dues statement and will undoubtedly note the increase in total dues from last year.

Last year, annual dues totaled \$58.00. The Valley of Canton portion of the dues amounted to \$40.00, while the portion payable to Supreme Council was \$18.00. For 2012, the members of the Valley of Canton approved an increase in annual Valley Dues to \$55.00, while the portion of dues payable to Supreme Council, listed as "Assessment" on the dues statement, increased to \$21.00, bringing the total amount of dues for 2012 up to \$76.00. The brethren approved an annual dues increase, the first in approximately 30 years, to afford the Valley an opportunity to continue to provide inspirational, convenient, and enjoyable activities for the members while maintaining a viable financial position.

Similarly, increasing costs for Supreme Council to maintain its efforts to continue to provide services to the members, including assistance to members affected by tornadoes, hurricanes and floods throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, necessitated the increase in the Supreme Council Assessment.

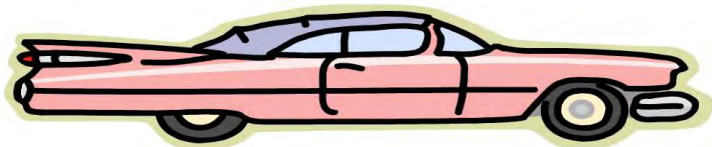
Both the Valley of Canton and Supreme Council recognize that these are difficult economic times, and every effort is being made to reduce operating costs and develop cost saving initiatives to reduce financial burdens on the membership.

The continued support of our members is deeply appreciated.

Fraternally, Jim Fidler

Don Snyder's Car Collection

Juilliard Lodge #460 in Louisville is sponsoring a Sunday afternoon to see "Don Snyder's Car Collection." We will be meeting at the Louisville Eagles at 306 W. Main St. parking lot on March 11th at 1:00 PM. We will be leaving the parking lot at 1:00 PM and will car pool to New Springfield. Don's address is 13008 Woodworth Road (or State Route 165), New Springfield. If you would like to just drive over yourself and meet there at 2:00PM that would be fine. You may invite a friend, neighbor, or relative to come with you. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, call Gene Wagmiller 330-933-7166. REMEMBER, WE WILL LEAVE THE EAGLES PARKING LOT AT 1:00 PM!!



Membership Incentive Program

The Membership Committee is constantly looking at ways to reward you for continuing your membership in the Greatest Fraternity in the world. Of course, we also need to constantly work on replacing those who have been called to the Grand Architect of the Universe. Here is a program that addresses both of these areas.

This year's incentive program will end with the Fall Reunion. If you are the top line signer on **FOUR** petitions for this year, you will be awarded **one year of paid up dues**. If you sign up **SEVEN** candidates this year, you will be awarded **two years of paid up dues**. If you are the top line signer on **TEN** petitions for this year, you will receive **a life membership in the Valley of Canton**.

The candidate totals are for one calendar year only. The candidate must attend and complete the full reunion schedule for the top line signer to be eligible for the appropriate award.

I know we are all proud of our membership in this fraternity. Sometimes we need a little extra incentive to encourage a brother mason to join the Scottish Rite. This program could be just what you have been looking for; a reminder to ask someone to join, and an opportunity to get something in return. All you have to do is ask.

Ohio Day at the Washington Monument

Alexandria, Virginia

August 3, 4, 2012

The Grand Lodge of Ohio is being recognized for their support of the Washington Monument in Alexandria, Va. by declaring August as Ohio Month.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio has set a weekend of events for Masons and their families. The highlight of the weekend is the conferral of the Master Mason Degree on Saturday morning.

Ladies programs will be arranged along with a weekend full of activities and fun for the families. Pricing and deposit information will be available in next month's Chronicle. This activity will be a overnight bus trip and includes accommodations.



Conferral of 4°, 6° and 16° at

Charity Lodge #530

2380 St. Rt. 225, Deerfield, Ohio

Saturday, March 3,

Coffee & Donuts at 9:00 AM

Degree work at 10:00 AM

- Directions to Charity Lodge from the Canton Temple.
38 miles, approx 28 minutes
- Start out going north on Market Ave N toward 9th St NE. Continue 1.8 miles
- Merge onto US-62 E. Continue 11.6 miles
- US-62 E becomes US-62F E. Continue 4.3 miles
- Take the OH-225 ramp. Continue 0.2 miles
- Turn left onto Union Ave NE/OH-225. Continue to follow OH-225. Continue 6.3 miles
- Turn right onto US-2241 Water100 Rd. Continue 2.5 miles
- Enter next roundabout and take the 3rd exit onto OH-14. Continue 0.2 miles
- Stay straight to go onto OH-225. Continue 1.9 miles
- END at 2380 State Route 225, Deerfield, OH 44411-9733



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ALL SITES E-FILE, FEB.1 TO APRIL 15, 2012

- Mayfield Senior Center, M & Thru. 9:00 AM – 2:00PM
3825 13th St. SW, Canton (330)477-9982
- Lake Branch Library, M&F, 9:00 AM-2:00PM
11955 Market Ave. N., Uniontown (330)877-9975
- Massillon Senior Center, M -9:00AM-2:00PM
39 Lincoln Way W., Massillon (330) 837-2784
- J.R. Coleman Senior Outreach, T & Thru 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM (330) 455-3873
1731 Grace Ave. NE, Canton
- Paradise United Church of Christ, W – 9:00AM-2:00PM (330) 874-4180
619 East Main St., Louisville
- Stark County District Library, North Branch
W – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (330) 456-4356
189 25th St., NW, Canton
- Faith United Methodist Church, F – 10:00 AM-2:00 PM (no Phone)
300 North St., NW, Canton
- Stark County District Library, Downtown Canton
F – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (330) 452-0665
715 Market Ave. N., Canton

All volunteers are IRS trained and certified tax preparers

To locate a site near you, call the toll-free number, 1-888-227-7669 from Feb., 1 to April 15, or visit the AARP web site at www.aarp.org/taxade for year round assistance



The Muskrat Dinner at the Caldwell Lodge on Jan. 7th had 141 in attendance, however we have found that one of the invited Muskrats had escaped and was photographed in a pond in North Canton.

In Memoriam

*"I am with you always," are the words he spoke to me.
 When I went to him in prayer, upon a bended knee,
 He banished all my troubles, with His abiding love.
 And I received His blessings, from heaven up above.
 So never fear your problems, are more than you can bear,
 For God is always with you, He is always there.*

*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,*

Wayne R. Arbogast John H. Croy Roger B. Finney William E. Fishbaugh Gary H. Lauener Jeff A. Reinerts Larry G. Stephan
 Edward B. Baines William H. Fiegenschuh, Sr. Perry E. Fishel John J. McFarland James F. Rose

The following have been reported as ill or distressed

Robert W Alexander	Homer Draber	Fred L. Hocking	Wilbur McWilliams	James D. Young
Charles Allen	James Fugatt	Clark C. Hoehn	Richard Manos	William J. Steven
Wayne R. Arbogast	Carl F. Games	Robert A. Hole	Donald L. Miller	Glen Snyder
Edward Baines	Thomas Gartrell	Ray Hull	Dale F. Moss	William H. Sollie
Alfred M. Biller	Neil Garver	Don Hurless	Glen Motts	Patrick Supples
David Brown	Wendell Graening	Daniel F. Iceman, 33°	Don C. Nixon	Loren Taylor
Millard Brush	Robert P. Greenwood	David Johnson, Jr	Robert Rainey	Daniel D. Thomas, MSA
John Capeta	Paul E. Griffin	Robert L. Jordan	Ernest Riddle	Paul Triplet
William Caswell	Ivan W. Hall, Jr.	Paul A. Kliner	James Rose	Rev. Raymond Tucker
Jack Corns	Wade Hartzel	Chris Krabill	Ralph Ruhl, MSA	Clyde H. Vickers, 33°
Beecher Cogar	Willis Haughton	Louis Lautzenheiser	Kenneth O. Samsel	William G. Weimer
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