

32° MASONS - VALLEY OF CANTON

# CHRONICLE

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## VALLEY'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



On Saturday December 3, 2011, starting at 5:00 PM and running until 9:00 PM, the Valley of Canton held its first children's Christmas party for all the members' children and grandchildren. There were movies, crafts, and a lot of food for everyone to enjoy. There was even a visit from Jolly Old Saint Nick who talked with all the children individually by having them sitting on his knee. The Valley would like to make this an annual event at Christmas time.

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## FROM OUR SECRETARY

Greetings Brethren! Another year has passed, and we now look forward to a new year of challenges and opportunities for Scottish Rite Masonry in the Valley of Canton and Freemasonry throughout the state of Ohio. We look ahead to the new year with confidence, buoyed by the successes enjoyed by the Valley in 2011. In January, the Valley hosted an enormously successful Six-Valley Degree Day that attracted Scottish Rite Masons from all over the United States and Canada. In the Spring, the Reunion Awards and Scholarship Nights were well attended and received. The summer months saw activities for the brethren that included an Akron Aeros baseball game, the annual Car Show, and social outings sponsored by the Tuscarawas and Central Stark Clubs. In the Fall, the Valley demonstrated how it is utilizing 21st Century state of the art technology to convey Freemasonry's eternal truths in impressive fashion at the Fall Reunion and at an event honoring Ill. James R. Filliez, 33°, Active Emeritus, for his many years of service to the Craft. On December 3, the Valley hosted a Childrens' Christmas party at which a good time was had by all. At Stated Meetings during the course of the year, the brethren demonstrated great foresight in approving a dues increase and changes to the bylaws, both of which will facilitate efforts to administer the Valley's affairs in an administratively smooth and financially efficient manner while continuing to plan inspirational, convenient, and enjoyable activities for the members. We will be continuing the practice of holding dinners prior to the quarterly meetings as well as having an interesting program at all 12 Stated Meetings. Finally, there was greater cooperation and coordination between the symbolic lodges and Scottish Rite than ever before.

Our symbolic lodges now have new Masters and corps of officers in place to promote Freemasonry throughout Ohio, and the Valley of Canton will continue to provide a financial incentive in 2012 for Master Masons to join Scottish Rite by keeping the petition fee at only \$100, and waiving the fee altogether for active duty military and safety forces personnel. Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday March 3, when the Valley will confer the 4°, 6°, and 16° at W K Ricksecker Lodge # 606 in Aurora, Ohio. And don't forget the Spring Reunion at the Canton Temple honoring Ill. Hal G. Dill, 33° on March 30 and 31. Please support these events and promote Scottish Rite in your symbolic lodge meetings and when you travel during the Inspection season. We are Scottish Rite Masons because we enjoy the opportunities for fun and fellowship this fraternity provides. Let's not keep it a secret.

Our first opportunity to get together will be at the Stated Meeting at the Canton Temple on January 12. Plan on joining us at 7:30PM that evening. *(Continued)*



## MEMBERSHIP

Brethren, welcome to a new year of Masonry. We hope you and your family had a wonderful Holiday Season and wish you a Happy New Year! The Valley sponsored a successful Christmas party this year. The families who came had an enjoyable time with food, treats, and entertainment for all. The children even got to sit with Santa. We want to thank WB David Newkirk and Bro. Robert Broad for their work in organizing this event. Next year, we expect to build on this success and have a larger participation.

Activities for 2012 are already being planned. The Central Stark Club is planning another steak fry next summer. They are also trying to get enough people together to sponsor a Valley of Canton bus trip, in August, to the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Our Grand Master, Kevin Todd, has arranged for a Ohio Master Mason Degree to be conferred there, and he wants candidates and brethren to attend. More information will be coming in the next issue. This will be a trip for both the brothers and their ladies.

Now that the annual Lodge meetings, elections, and the installations of officers are completed, we will be visiting the County Clubs to see how our Valley can better serve the membership. In the past, we have taken Scottish Rite degrees on the road, to make the Valley experience more convenient for candidates and present members. The Portage County Club will be sponsoring an out-of-the-Valley degeee day on March 3, in Aurora. We plan to present the 4th, 6th, and 16th degrees that morning. So brethren, mark your calendars for that day and we hope to fill the room.

If you have any ideas on how the Valley of Canton can better serve you, please let us know. We are particularly interested in activities for family participation.

Thank you for being a member of the Valley of Canton.

Wes Webber, Membership Chairman

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### *Secretary Continued*

We promise a friendly atmosphere, an interesting program and great refreshments afterward.

Wishing your families God's blessings in the New Year

James G. Fidler, 33°

Executive Secretary

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I shall pass this way but once; any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.



# Trestle Board

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### JANUARY

Sun., Jan. 1 - New Year's Day  
Thurs., Jan. 12 - 7:30 PM AASR Stated Meeting

### FEBRUARY

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

Sun., Jan., 1, 2012 - **NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
Thurs., Jan., 12 - AASR Stated Meeting  
Thurs., Feb. 9 - 7:30 PM - AASR Stated Meeting  
Sat., Mar. 3 - Mini-Reunion at W.K.Ricksecker Lodge #606  
in Aurora, Ohio. Begins at 10:00 AM;  
4°, 6°, and 16° ends app. 1:30 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  
Sun., April 1 - **PALM SUNDAY**  
Fri., April 6 - **GOOD FRIDAY**  
Sundown Fri., April 6 until Sundown April 8  
**PASSOVER**  
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 -21<sup>st</sup> 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 The  
Canton Temple  
Fri. & Sat., June 1 & 2 - Ohio Council of Deliberation meets  
at Akron/Fairlawn Hotel



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### Get to know Akron's Biggest Star on Jan. 12

She travels with 4 pilots, 16 crew members, a public relations manager, a bus, a tractor-trailer rig, and she can never, **EVER** be left alone. No, it's not Madonna, Cher or even Oprah - we're talking about a international icon bigger than all three...the Goodyear Blimp. Following our stated meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>, we'll have the opportunity to learn the details of keeping the Goodyear Airship Fleet flying above sporting events world- wide. Jerry Hissem, Chief Pilot from Goodyear Airship Operations will have an exciting, informative presentation for us and will be ready to answer your questions about the Goodyear Blimp fleet and operations. Building, flying and operating the blimp... anything and everything you ever wanted to know about Lighter Than Air aircraft. All of this after the Stated Meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>, so plan on coming to the first meeting of the new year.

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### 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. Verterans are paired with "guardians" who assist in a one-day visit to national memorials.

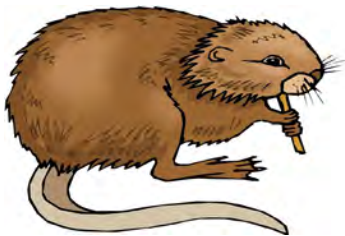
## Membership Incentive Program

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.



### Caldwell Lodge Holds Muskrat Dinner Meeting

Brethren: **YES!** It's that time of the year once again, so mark your calendar for January 7, 2012. This is the date for the annual "Muskrat Dinner Meeting"

at Caldwell Lodge 330 in Bolivar, Ohio.

Lodge will open at 6:00 PM, and it's reported that the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Kevin B. Todd and other Grand Lodge Officers will be in attendance.

For those brethren who have never experienced this dinner, you are in for a real treat as you experience it for the first time. If you have been there before, you can have fun and relive that first time experience again.

As usual, this evening promises to be a very memorable night with a lot of fun and friendship in an informal setting. The memories of the night will stay with you at least until you reach your car in the parking lot.

Honestly, you will have a great time so plan on attending. We hope to see you there.

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A good friend may be found and lost. But an old friend can never be found, and nature has provided he cannot be easily lost.

*Samuel Johnson*

## The Employer Asked a Personal Question! What Do I Do?

*By Monica Rose Gwin*

*The Employment Source*

Questions in an interview are structured to find out a person's skills, but also to build rapport and connection with the candidate. However, there are some employers that cross the line and ask personal questions. This month, Amy Miller, Resource Center Manager for The Employment Source, discusses the topic of "forbidden questions".

Forbidden questions include things such as:

What is your native language?

Do you have any disabilities?

What religion do you observe?

How old are you?

Do you plan on having children?

So what do you do when you are in the interview and they ask one of these questions?

"You have options," advises Miller. "You can answer the question by saying do you have children? You can refuse to answer the question, and although refusal may cost you the job, do you really want to work in a place where they ask illegal questions? And finally, you can answer the intent of the question. You can respond by saying: I have two children and an amazing network of support to care for them while I work. They will not interfere with my ability to do the job.

"If you don't get a job and you feel it is due to your answers on illegal questions, you can file a claim of discrimination with the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission (EEOC)," says Miller.

Remember, it may be that the employer might not know they are asking an illegal question and are simply making conversation. If you can answer the intent of questions, you will make a positive impression and show you can deal with people gracefully.



## Student and Teacher Spotlight

### Written Testimony for House Bill 157

My name is Robert M Common of Canton, Ohio. I'm the Legal Custodian for **Jacob Nau**, who was diagnosed with severe dyslexia by Rebecca Tolson of North Canton back in April of 2007. Jacob is now 13 years old, attends 7th grade at Lehman Middle School in Canton, and is currently being tutored by the Masonic Temple in Canton Ohio.

Jacob is on an IEP at Lehman. The Masonic Temple is using the Cadillac of tutoring for children with dyslexia with Orton Gillingham. Canton City Schools uses a program that parallels Orton Gillingham, but is a Chevy in my opinion. The program Canton City Schools uses is ok by law per Sandy Kaufman of Ohio's State Board of Education.

I got Jacob at the age of 4 and immediately enrolled him at Heritage Christian School in Canton. I was approached by Jacobs's preschool teacher at the end of that school year, and she advised me that Jacob needed to be enrolled into Canton City Schools, because they can offer the help that Jacob would require. Jacob entered preschool at Baxter Elementary that fall. We kept Jacob in preschool for 2 years because he wasn't ready for kindergarten yet. Jacob had an IEP in preschool but they said he was ok & was taken off the IEP prior to entering kindergarten. That should have never happened! Canton didn't have a system in place to catch students with dyslexia. If they would've tested Jacob with RANIRAS for preschoolers and TOPAS for kindergartners, Jacob would be further along academically at this time.

Jacob went through kindergarten and first grade with assurances that Jacob will be fine. Jacob's 1st grade teacher wanted Jacob tested by a psychologist, and he said Jacob was borderline attentive. The 1st grade teacher said to try vision therapy, so I did that for a year with Dr Lieberman of Canton and Dr Sobek of Dover. Jacob fell even farther behind! Jacob's 2nd grade teacher said that Jacob may need tested for ADHD and I did. Dr Timmons of Akron said Jacob did have ADHD and was put on medicine. This did make Jacob focus better, but Jacob still was falling behind farther. In the winter of 2007, Jacob's 3rd grade teacher met a lady at the North Canton YMCA. They talked about what she did for a living & said she tutors children with dyslexia. Jacob's teacher told her about Jacob and maybe she could help him. I had Rebecca test Jacob for dyslexia, and he was diagnosed with severe dyslexia and is a double deficit student. Rebecca told me Jacob could've been caught back in preschool kindergarten with RAN/RAS and TOPAS. Now I'm furious! Here's a 3rd grader with major issues and no IEP! SAD!

Jacob fooled all those teachers up through 3rd grade because he memorized everything he learned and was able to just get by. What a shame! I started getting Jacob tutored 3 days a week by Rebecca immediately, on my bill.

Finally, at the end of 3rd grade, Cedar said Jacob needed back on an IEP starting in 4th grade. This should have never happened, and they seriously hurt Jacob's education with putting him 3 years behind his peers. He hasn't passed the 3rd or 5th grade state tests and actually did worse on his 5th grade state test. His last IQ test was really at the bottom of the barrel, & Cedar Elementary can show you all the records: I actually got SSI for Jacob just a few months ago due to Jacob's disability, but I'm really worried about Jacob and his future.

I truly believe that students with dyslexia have to be caught before entering 1st grade, and be offered Orton Gillingham and nothing less! These children need year round schooling/tutoring by every school, no excuses!

Sincerely,

Robert M Common

Erin has made great strides with Jacob in only 1 year's time. Jacob is reading much better these days. Jacob loves video games & also is very hands on with mechanical things, along with the ability to set-up game systems like X-box, Kinect, Guitar Hero, etc...

Jacob Nau is an excellent bike rider on the Tow-Path. He's been riding for years and developed great endurance. Jacob ran cross country at Lehman Middle School & never ran until this year. Jacob has excellent form & will succeed in this sport. Jacob's PR in the 2 mile race was set at Boardman with a 14:53. That made me proud, and he can't wait until next year.

**Erin Finan-DuBois** is a graduate of Temple University in Philadelphia, PA, with a major in English Literature. She has worked as a resume writer, a standardized test scorer, a preschool educator, and a service coordinator for at-risk families. A homeschooling mother of three, she became interested in the Orton-Gillingham method when her youngest child struggled painfully to read. She started the initial training program in September of 2006, and has been tutoring at the Children's Learning Center ever since, in addition to her private tutoring practice. Erin is proud to be one of only three of our Center's Advanced Training graduates, receiving her certification in the Spring of 2010.

"I will always be grateful to the Children's Dyslexia Center for teaching me how to reach students who struggle with reading difficulties: My son, at the age of 13, is reading beyond grade level and counts reading as one of his favorite pastimes. I can't recommend enough that parents help unfold their child's natural love of stories by reading aloud as a family or by providing the child with lots of books on CD. A child whose literary "ear" is primed by listening to books read aloud will expand her vocabulary, develop her understanding of syntax, and increase her comprehension. These skills are much more difficult to acquire for a reader who struggles to decode. But perhaps most importantly a child who learns to love

listening to stories read aloud will find the motivation to tackle reading on her own: and motivation is the one factor that a tutor can't control for in a lesson. If you'd like to achieve maximum benefit from your child's Orton-Gillingham lessons, do your part to instill a love of reading in your child by offering a literacy-rich environment at home."



**Erin Finan-DeBois**



**Erin and Jacob**



**Bob, Santa, and Dave at the Christmas Party**

## **Greetings from the Children's Dyslexia Center**

15 Children are on the Wait List

28 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

Many thanks to all who supported the Candle Sale and the GFS Pie Sale; both were successful fund raisers.

### **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:

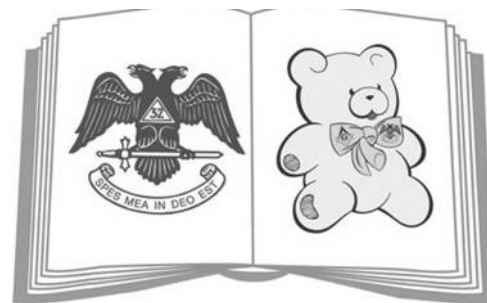
1. Get the link from your Fun Funds Coordinator.
2. Or go online at [Http://gfs.com/funfunds/home.page?OrgNumber=2494209](http://gfs.com/funfunds/home.page?OrgNumber=2494209)
3. Or pick up a form at the Center and present it at the store. They will give you your card.

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.

We are looking forward to another great year at the Center and our wish for you is a very healthy and happy New Year.

Carol Jones, Director

330-456-6373



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### **Bill Supports School Hiring of 'Dyslexia Specialists' Passed**

The Ohio House of Representatives voted 90-1, Wednesday to approve legislation sponsored by State Rep. Kirk Shuring, R-Jackson Twp., that authorizes an educational service center and some school districts to hire a "dyslexia specialist" to train teachers on helping dyslexia students. The Ohio Senate had voted 33-0 on Tuesday to approve **House Bill 157**.

The governor is expected to sign the bill into law.

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Dear Brothers,

Thank you so much for the very enjoyable reception held in my honor on November 12, 2011.

It was a fun evening, particularly with so many friends in attendance.

It was obvious to everyone how much work was involved in such an elaborate presentation.

I would like to thank the members of this valley for your support and cooperation over the past ten years that I have served as a Deputy's Representative and as an Active Member of our Supreme Council.

Our Fraternity, and particularly our Supreme Council, is in a period of essential change, and as a representative of Supreme Council, I had the responsibility to make sure this transformation took place in a significant and positive manner, not just in our valley, but as Membership Chairman and Officer in the Ohio Council of Deliberation.

Change does not come easily, and although some members might resist, it is necessary for the survival of our beloved fraternity, even though "We never did it that way before".

Thank you again for your understanding of this difficult but important job.

I am looking forward to many more years of brotherhood and friendship with members of the Valley of Canton, the State of Ohio, and our Supreme Council.

Fraternally

James R. Filliez, 33°

Active Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council, 33°, NMJ



## **Bowling Benefit For Western Reserve Masonic Community Center Memory Care Unit**

Join us in a Sponsor My Score Bowling Event.

Bowlers are suggested to sign up sponsors  
from \$0.10 - \$0.25 per pin.

Sunday January 29th, 3pm To 5pm

### **AMF MEDINA LANES**

201 Harding Street

Medina, OH 44256

\$15 PER PERSON (Limit of 4 bowlers per lane)

Includes: Shoe Rental, 1 Item Large Pizza and Soft  
Drinks Per Lane.

For Registration or Bowling Sponsorship:

Please call or email Andy Gregory (330) 317-2711,  
Amgregory385@gmail.com

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 22nd**



**Dinner Meeting on 12-8-2011**

# In Memoriam

*When sailing the storm of doubt, discouragement or pain,  
I shall not fear the lashing wind nor fury of the rain.  
Three anchors hold my little craft-I tested them with care;  
There's one of faith and one of hope and one of daily prayer.  
With these to hold my ship secure, what danger can betide?  
I know that I shall reach at least, a harbor safe and wide.*

*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,*

Ronald M. Bentley	Brooks C. Gilmore	Merle R. Moser	Alton L. Rinier
Charles R. Butler	John L. McCleese	James A. Pewton, Sr.	

## The following have been reported as ill or distressed

Robert W Alexander		Fred L. Hocking	Wilbur McWilliams	William J. Stevern	James D. Young
Charles Allen	Homer Draber	Clark C. Hoehn	Richard Manos	Verl M. Shearer, 33°	Richard D. Watkins, 33°
Wayne R. Arbogast	James Fugatt	Robert A. Hole	Donald L. Miller	Glen Snyder	
Edward Baines	Carl F. Ganes	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	Donald Johnson, Jr	Robert Rainey	Danial 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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