



Sublime Princes William H. Hacker and Arthur Moore, Jr. Receive Their MSA Caps and Jewels on 6/3/2011

Sublime Princes Hacker and Moore received their MSA Caps and Jewels at the Holiday Inn Independence on June 3, 2011 during the 114th Annual OCD session. There were over 100 members, ladies and guests present from the Valley of Cleveland to witness the ceremonies. Following the ceremony, everyone retired to the Hospitality Rooms to help celebrate their achievement.

The following morning, at the business meeting of the 114th OCD, the newly elected 2012 MSA Recipients were announced. From the Valley of Cleveland, Sublime Princes James W. Young and Kenneth D. Crouse were elected to receive the MSA in Fairlawn on June 1, 2012.



2011 OCD Session in Cleveland a Huge Success

The 114th Annual Session of the Ohio Council of Deliberation was held at the Holiday Inn Independence from June 2nd – June 4th 2011, and was hosted by the Valley of Cleveland. Accolades for the quality and hospitality of the event have poured in from around the state for the General Chairman of the event, Ill. Jeffrey J. Black, 33^o, our Chairman of the Board, and the 2011 OCD Committee he appointed.

The event actually began on Thursday, June 2nd for the Actives, Deputy's Representatives and Secretaries with several traditional meetings. Ill. Ronald L. Runion, 33^o's Registration Committee did an outstanding job all day Friday and Saturday morning making sure all registrants received their tickets and credentials. The Ladies' Registration Committee was co-chaired by Eula Brooks and Marlene Beaver who, with their volunteers, worked tirelessly to insure that all the ladies received their credentials and registration gift. There were 133 ladies registered for the event and 433 total registered.

The Committee in charge of the ladies' entertainment was chaired by Bonnie Youngblood. There was a Friday Ladies' Luncheon, which Bonnie planned along with Vicki Powers, our Deputy's lady in the style of a "High Tea" attended by more than 110 ladies, most in their finest haberdashery. Entertainment was provided by Coldwater Creek with a Style Show. There was also a Saturday Brunch for the ladies, followed by entertainment by Iria Calderhead, dressed as Cinderella. The Committee in charge of the General Hospitality Room and the Friday evening Hospitality Room we shared with the Valleys of Toledo and Youngstown, was chaired by Sally Jones, who also did an outstanding job of providing snacks, beverages and promoting fellowship.

Sublime Prince Walter C. Klein, MS, 33^o Elect chaired the Greeters Committee and he and his MSA volunteers were available to assist attendees with any question or problem. Sublime Prince Dr. Ross R. Black, II was in charge of our Medical Committee and was available for any medical problem, and Sublime Prince Theodore D. Cutts' company Royal Acme supplied all printed materials. The Meeting Room Set-up Committee was co-chaired by Ill. John A. Hall, 33^o and Sublime Prince James A. Langmead, 32^o who had the meeting room promptly and properly set for the Saturday Business Meeting.

The session opened with an outstanding "Welcome" speech delivered by our own Ill. William G. Batchelder, III, 33^o, currently serving as the Speaker of the House in Columbus. Ill. Bro. Phillip R. Elliott, Jr., 33^o, Deputy's Representative from the Valley of Youngstown gave the response, and the business session was underway. After installing the OCD Officers, the Deputy for Ohio, Ill. William R. Powers, Jr., 33^o closed the 114th Session of the Ohio Council of Deliberation, wishing all a safe journey home.

And finally, we must extend a well-deserved "thank you" to the Holiday Inn Independence management and staff for their hospitality and helpfulness in making this event such a huge success. The facilities, meals, rooms and particularly the service were outstanding, and we have received zero complaints. Much of the praise we are receiving is really due to the hotel and their staff.

Again, we thank all the Chairpeople and especially all the volunteers who made the 114th OCD Session in Cleveland a huge success.

Society News

Ashtabula: We elected and installed new Officers in May; Bob Homoly, 32° was elected President; Art Moore, MS, 32° was elected V.P., and the Secretary/Treasurer remains Bob Williams, 32°. The Annual Steak Fry will be held in Orwell Park on Saturday, July 23, 2011 starting at 5:00 p.m. We will have breakfast meetings starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at Mary's Diner, and on Saturday, August 6, 2011, and on Saturday September 10, 2011 (locations to be announced). We hope you will be able to attend.

Cuyahoga: At our Annual Meeting in June, Jack Hack, 32° was elected President and Bob Berteau, 32° 1st V.P. Ed Hampton, 32° and Jim Schultz, 33° will again serve as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The next meeting will be on Thursday September 15, 2011, (location yet to be determined). All Cuyahoga Society meetings are open to ladies and invited guests and begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Lake/Geauga: At the Annual Meeting in May, Johnny Manis, 32° was elected President; Scott Bratton, 32° 1st V.P.; Herb Holzheimer, 32° 2nd V.P.; and Les Sherman, 32° 3rd V.P. Art Moore, MS, 32° and Byron Whitney, 32° will serve again as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Our next meeting is our Annual Steak Fry on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Painesville Masonic Temple beginning at 5:00 p.m. We hope you will be able to attend.

Lorain: Our next meeting will also be our Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers. It will be on Thursday, October 6, 2011, at Elyria Temple starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will be able to attend.

Medina: At our Annual Meeting in May, Neal Beck, MS, 32° was installed President; James Gilbert, 32° 1st V.P.; Richard Metzler, 32° 2nd V.P.; Tim Forte, 32° 3rd V.P. and Russ Palmateer, MS, 32° will serve again as Secretary/Treasurer. Our next meeting will be on Friday, August 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at W.R.M.C. Please make plans to attend.

Around the Valley

Members on the move: Congratulations are in order to **Sublime Princes Arthur Moore, Jr., MS, 32° and William H. Hacker, MS, 32°** who both received their MSA caps and jewels at OCD in Cleveland on June 3, 2011. Congratulations are also in order for **Sublime Princes James W. Young, 32° and Kenneth D. Crouse, 32°** who were elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award at OCD on June 1, 2012 in Fairlawn, Ohio. **Sublime Prince William "Willie" Stamper** was named **Mummer of the Year for 2010** by the Presiding Officers. **Sublime Princes John L. Sperber, 32° and Walter C. Klein, MS, 32°** will receive the 33rd Degree on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 in Chicago, IL. The Valley will hold a reception in their honor on **Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **DeMolay Room** refreshments will follow). Finally, "Welcome Back" to **Ill. Jack W. Ziegler, 33°** and Mary who recently moved into W.R.M.C. from Florida.

Hospitaler's List: **Sublime Prince David W. Scarbro, MS, 32°** is recovering from recent surgery. It is good to see **Ill. Donald Schmitt, 33°** back for the summer and recovering well. A list of Members still battling medical issues would include: **Ill. Bros. Robert J. Hibjan, 33°, Wilfred A. Grose, Jr., 33°, Richard C. Ohmes, 33°, Boris N. Stephanoff, MS, 33°, and Sublime Princes Louis Diamond, MS, 32° and Alfred R. Verhoff, 32°.** Please keep these members in your prayers.

Presiding Officers

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Eliadah Lodge of Perfection

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The Scottish Rite News is now edited and published by the Secretary, Ill. Alan W. Jones, 33°, from the Valley Office.

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It is the policy of the Valley of Cleveland to ensure that all programs of the Valley are made available to our members and guests. All rooms are now handicap accessible as are main lobby restrooms. If you have a special need while attending a Valley program, please call the Valley office, and every effort will be made to accommodate you.

**Providing programs that
emphasize: inspiration,
convenience and enjoyment.**

“Reflections”

By: Ill. Jeffrey J. Black, 33°

Brethren: The Valley of Cleveland did a great job at the Ohio Council of Deliberation during the first weekend in June. On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Valley of Cleveland, a big “Thank you” to all the Brethren and spouses who made it a success. Everyone did a great job! The Valley will need that effort again in August, 2012, when Supreme Council will meet in Cleveland.

The Board of Trustees scheduled the 4th Degree to be presented on Friday, June 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Hart’s Grove Temple in Hartsgrove, Ohio. Three Masons from Ashtabula County became Scottish Rite Masons that evening.

Our 21st Annual Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at the Briarwood Golf Course in Broadview Heights. Registration will be at 12:30 p.m., with lunch from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. We will begin with a shotgun start at 2:00 p.m. followed by a steak dinner with all the trimmings. The cost is \$70.00 per golfer.

We will once again award the Ross Black Scholarship (four at \$750.00); the Abbott Scholarship (five at \$1,400.00); and the James Scholarship (twelve at \$3,000.00); a total of \$46,000.00. We will once again present the scholarships in conjunction with the Learning Center Graduation on Thursday, July 14, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Allen Room. Refreshments will follow the program.

This year we will hold our Family Picnic at Pioneer Water Park on Saturday, July 30, 2011. Tickets will be \$17.00 per person (under 40” tall are free) and include: parking, admission and all water rides, lunch in the AASR pavilion and beverages all day. There will be a coupon in the AASR News for the sign up of the Family Picnic.

On Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., we will host a Reception for our new 33° Masons; Walter C. Klein, MS and John L. Sperber. They will be coroneted at Supreme Council in Chicago in August. Before the Reception the Valley will hear a story of the history of Scottish Rite Masonry in Cleveland by Sublime Prince Timothy M. Daley.

On Sunday, September 18, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. we will once again hold our Annual Clam Bake at Tom’s Country Place in Avon, Ohio. The cost is \$30.00 for a chicken bake or steak (no clams) dinner. Extra clams can be purchased for \$7.00/dozen.

Elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award in June of 2012, are Sublime Princes James Young and Ken Crouse. Congratulations to those Brethren.

In the building this summer, we will be doing our normal maintenance. We will also re-plaster and paint the pillars in the Auditorium.

The Fall Reunion has been set for the weekend of October 21st and 22nd. Please put that in your calendar.

Brethren, please remember we are still in need of email addresses. Please send them to aasrnews@aasrcleveland.org.

Have a safe and relaxing summer.

Fraternally,

Ill. Jeffrey J. Black 33°
Chairman of the Board

Membership

By: Ill. Edwin A. Strauss, Jr., 33°

I have a question for you to ask yourself: Are you doing your part to promote the future of this fraternity? This is serious my Brethren, and the future is ours to make.

Membership is the lifeline and we need to make our future bright. I was told a long time ago that each one of us as a Mason needs to replace himself for the future. I have done that and then some. It is easy if you believe in this great fraternity and what it is all about. All you have to do is ask and discuss it with everybody you come in contact with. It is even a great topic with a friend's wife or partner in life. Look around you and to your neighbors, friends, family, co-workers, etc. New members are out there and I am not just talking about Scottish Rite. Your Lodge needs new members too and from there come future members for Scottish Rite.....

Sublime Prince Michael J. Spisak installed Most Wise Master

The Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers for the Valley of Cleveland was held in the DeMolay Room on Monday, May 2, 2011. The Officers of the Eliadah Lodge of Perfection and Bahurim Council were all reelected, reappointed and reinstalled and as the Officers of Lake Erie Consistory were elected to two-year terms in 2010, the appointed Officers were reappointed and all were reinstalled. But the Ariel Chapter Officers were elected (and appointed) to new stations. The remaining 2011-2012 Officers are Knights: Theodore D. Cutts – Senior Warden; Robert D. Berteau – Junior Warden; Gregory M. Kita – Orator; John J. Pience – Master of Ceremonies, and newly appointed Robert D. Anderson, Jr. – Captain of the Guard. Congratulations to all the Officers of the Valley of Cleveland.



Michael J. Spisak

Most Wise Master
Ariel Chapter of Rose Croix

Born: in Lakewood, Ohio – 42 years old

Education: Case Western Reserve Univ. B.A., *cum laude* (1991)
Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, J.D. (1994)

Employment: Attorney – Weston Hurd, L.L.P.

Family: lives with his two children in North Royalton, Ohio

Masonic History: Raised in Lakewood Lodge #601 (1990)
Phoenix Lodge #123 (P.M. 2000)
Plural Member – Rocky River Lodge #703
AASR Valley of Cleveland (1991)
Cunningham Chapter #187 (P.H.P. 2003, 2004, 2007)
Senior DeMolay Mark Master Lodge #2
Calumet Council #133 (P.I.M. 2001)
Medina Commandery #84 (P.C. 2004)
Ohio Priory K.Y.C.H. #18 (2006)
Al Koran Shrine – Krazy Kops Unit, ROJ Court 14

Other Masonic Affiliations: Cleveland York Rite College #13
Fowler Council #64, Knight Masons (2006)
Royal Order of Scotland (2008)
Palestine Chapter #51 O.E.S.
Senior DeMolay (Lakewood, Chevalier 1987, PSMC 1990),
DeMolay of the Year (1990)
DeMolay Legion of Honor (2002)
Ohio DeMolay Alumni Director

Robert D. Anderson, Jr.

Captain of the Guard
Ariel Chapter of Rose Croix

Born: in Cleveland, Ohio – 53 years old

Education: Rocky River High School – 1976
Lorain Community College

Employment: Electrician with Tri-Power Electric

Family: married to Deborah (nee Wood) in 1978 – four children:
Beth, Sarah, Rob and Ben

Masonic History: Dover Lodge #489 F. & A.M. (currently S.W.)
P.B. Morgan Chapter #233 R.A.M. (PHP 3 times)
Lorain Council #103 R. & S.M. (PIM 2 times)
Holy Grail Commandery #70 K.T. (PC 4 times)
A.A.S.R. Valley of Cleveland – Spring Reunion 2004.

Other Masonic Affiliations:

Senior DeMolay – Rocky River Chapter
Senior DeMolay Mark Lodge (currently S.W.)
Active DeMolay Legion of Honor
The River Chapter #517 – Order of the Eastern Star, Past Patron
Holy Royal Arch K.T. Priests

Other Organizations: Henrietta United Methodist Church;
Assistant Scout Master – Boy Scouts

TO OUR MEMBERS...

The Valley of Cleveland is attempting to create a database of the skills of our membership that we could make available to all our members seeking to purchase services, for business or personal projects. Those who are plumbers, carpenters, contractors, or mechanics; who do flooring, painting, work in HVAC, or any of the trades; also, professional services; attorneys, accountants, insurance agents, and financial planners; we're asking you to contact us to describe your particular skill. When we have gathered enough information, we will invite the membership to utilize this resource whenever they are in need of these services. You are encouraged to email your information to the Valley Secretary at secretary@asrcleveland.org or mail it to AASR, 3615 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. Please feel free to call the office with any questions (216-432-2370).

Valley of Cleveland to Present \$46,000 in Scholarships in Conjunction with the Learning Center's Graduation on July 14, 2011

The Valley of Cleveland will once again present its scholarships in conjunction with the Learning Center's Graduation on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Allen Room. We will present four Ross R. Black Scholarships (\$750.00/each); five Abbott Scholarships (\$1400.00/each) and twelve James Medical Scholarships (\$3000.00/each). Following both groups' presentations, refreshments will be served in the Gold Room. Please RSVP if you plan to attend (to insure there is enough pizza) to either the Valley Office or the Learning Center office. We hope you will be able to attend to congratulate the scholarship recipients and the graduates.

The Trust of Ill. Edward F. Henry, 33^o Funds Wardrobe Replacement and Repair

Several years before he passed away on October 19, 2009, Ill. Bro. Henry, 33^o created a trust fund for several of the Masonic and theatre groups he was so attached to throughout his lifetime. The Valley of Cleveland received \$10,400.00 from this trust fund he earmarked for wardrobe and prop purchase and repair. Ill. Bro. Henry was very involved in our Degrees, and for years was the primary director of the Council and Consistory Degrees. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Officers and Members of the Valley of Cleveland, we extend our appreciation and thanks to the Estate of our late Brother.

Learning Center Walk Scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2011

The Valley of Cleveland's Learning Center's Walk for Dyslexia will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at the Brookside Reservation in the Cleveland Metroparks on John Nagy Boulevard. Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. in the Brookside Valley Event Site Shelter. The 5K (3.1 miles) walk begins promptly at 11:00 a.m. (rain or shine). Following the walk, lunch will be served in the shelter to all participants and volunteers. *Please* make plans to join us in some capacity: volunteering to help that day (with lunch, handing out water along the walk course, etc.); actually walking and taking pledges; or by making a pledge or donation to someone already planning to walk. Once again, we are planning to have the Shrine Band entertain us at the shelter, and we are expecting Miss Ohio to be in attendance to aid in the cause. We thank you in advance for your help and support.

4th Degree Taken on the Road to Ashtabula

The Valley of Cleveland took in three new members on Friday, June 17, 2011 as we took the 4th Degree to Hart's Grove Temple in Harts Grove, Ohio. Since Supreme Council produced the DVD of this Degree last year, it is now much simpler to begin the process of a Mason joining the Valley remotely. The program was well received by the new members as well as the Ashtabula Society members who hosted the event and provided refreshments. Plans are being formulated to take this Degree to another part of Ashtabula County and perhaps even Lorain County in the fall.

Sights and Scenes.....



Art Moore with Bill and Pat Hacker at the OCD Banquet



2011 MSAs receiving their caps and jewels on 6/3/2011 in Cleveland



Ill. and M.W.B. Goebel, 33° presents the 50-Year Pins and Certificates



Ill. Bro. John T. Wolfenden and Lois receiving his 60-Year Certificate



Sublime Prince William King receives his 60-Year Certificate



Sublime Prince Fred Stover, Jr. and his lady Suzanne at Awards Night

22nd Annual Valley Golf Classic Scheduled For July 9, 2011

The Valley of Cleveland will once again hit the links. This year our outing will again be played at Briarwood Golf Club located at 2737 W. Edgerton Road in Broadview Heights. This year's event will begin with registration at 12:30 p.m. immediately followed by lunch. We will tee off with a shotgun start (or modified shotgun if we have less than 20 foursomes) at 2:00 p.m. Following the golf, we will have a steak dinner with all the trimmings and we will award the prizes. The cost is \$70.00 per person (\$280.00 per foursome) and includes lunch, dinner and prizes. Registration deadline is Friday, July 1, 2011.

2011 Clam Bake at Tom's Country Place

The Valley will once again hold its annual Clam Bake at Tom's Country Place on Stoney Ridge Road in Avon. The bake will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2011 with a Social Hour beginning at 5:00 p.m. and the bake served at 6:00 p.m. The menu includes broth, chowder, a chicken/clam bake or a steak dinner (no clams) with extra clams available, sold by the dozen for \$7.00. As usual, attire for this event is casual. Please complete the coupon below and return it with your check. Tickets will be distributed when you arrive at the bake. Deadline for purchasing tickets is September 12, 2011. Please make plans to attend and join the fellowship. We hope to see you there.

Valley Presents 50, 60 and 65-Year Awards

The Valley of Cleveland held its Annual Awards Night on Monday, June 6, 2011 in lieu of our 4 Coordinate Bodies Meeting. 50-Year Awards were presented to Sublime Princes Carl R. Munn, 32° and Robert Fletcher, 32°. Sublime Princes William J. King, 32° and Robert W. Schafer, 32° and Ill. John T. Wolfenden, 33° were in attendance to receive their 60-Year Certificates. The evening also included a presentation by our Learning Center to Sublime Prince Theodore D. Cutts, 32° (S.W. of Ariel Chapter Rose Croix) as well as name badges to our candidate Mentors and membership medallions to those who have signed multiple petitions. Finally, Ill. Charles N. Berry, 33° gave a brief talk on the history of our building. The Ladies' Association provided the refreshments following an enjoyable evening.

2 Cemetery Plots for Sale

Lots located in the Masonic Section at: **Whitehaven Cemetery**

Asking Price: \$700.00 (+ \$200.00 Tr. Fee) Each

(these lots are currently selling for \$2000.00 each)

If interested please contact: Louis Kasunic,
1317 Ballata Ct.
Castle Rock, CO 80109
Phone: 1-720-733-0058

We need your email address!

Please send an email to:
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2011 Family Picnic

Pioneer Waterland & Dry Fun Park

10661 Kile Road
Chardon, OH 44024
440-285-0909

Saturday, July 30, 2011 10:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (lunch at 1:00 p.m.)

NAME: _____

Please send me _____ tickets for adults and children @
\$17.00 each (children under 40" tall are free)

Please send checks *and a self-addressed stamped envelope* to:

AASR
3615 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44115

Total enclosed _____

Deadline for reservations: 7/9/11

2011 Clam Bake

Tom's Country Place
3442 Stoney Ridge Road
Avon, Ohio

Sunday, September 18, 2011

Social hour: 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

NAME: _____

Please reserve: chicken clam bakes _____ @ \$30.00/each;

steak dinners _____ @ \$30.00/ea; _____ extra doz. clams @ \$7.00/ea

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Tickets will be distributed when you arrive at the Bake

Please make checks payable to:

AASR
3615 Euclid Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

