



## Valley of Cleveland Presents \$46,000 in Scholarships in Conjunction with the Learning Center Graduation On July 14, 2011

This year the Valley presented its 2011 Scholarship winners with their checks in person at the Learning Center Graduation on Thursday, July 14, 2011, in the Allen Room. The festivities began at 6:00 p.m. and were followed by pizza in the Gold Room.

The Valley has awarded \$46,000 in scholarships for 2011 with four (4) Ross Black Scholarships totaling \$3,000, five (5) Abbott Scholarships totaling \$7,000 and ten (10) James Medical Scholarships totaling \$36,000 as follows:

**Ross R. Black Scholarships are awarded to High School seniors entering college in the fall of 2011 and this year are \$750.00 each.**

**Matthew Hare:** currently a senior at Rocky River High School with a 3.20 GPA, and a DeMolay from Lakewood Chapter; he will enter the University of Dayton in the fall and his father is a Mason;

**Aaron Hare:** currently a senior at Rocky River High School, and a DeMolay from Lakewood with a 3.07 GPA; he plans to attend the University of Dayton in the fall and his father is a Mason;

**Elizabeth Stotter:** a senior at Shaker Heights High School with a 4.02 GPA, she is planning to attend Miami University in the fall;

**Melissa Richardson:** a senior at Lakewood High School with a 4.23 GPA, she is still awaiting acceptances to choose her school. Her grandfather is a member of the Valley.

**Abbott Scholarships are awarded to upperclassmen and this year are \$1,400.00 each.**

**Joshua Jones:** (Black winner in 2009, Abbott in 2010) will be a junior at The University of Toledo studying information technology with a 3.97 GPA. He is a DeMolay from Selyma Chapter;

**Elizabeth Geyer:** (Black winner in 2009, Abbott in 2010) will be a junior majoring in biochemistry and maintains a 4.0 GPA at Canisius College. Her late grandfather was a member of the Valley;

**Emily Mason:** (Black winner in 2009, Abbott in 2010) will be a junior at Mount Union College with a 3.59 GPA, studying secondary education. Her grandfather is a 33° Mason and member of the Valley of Cleveland;

**Samantha Wadge:** (Black winner in 2009, Abbott in 2010) will be a junior majoring in biochemical engineering at The Ohio State University and carries a 2.89 GPA. Her grandfather is a member of the Valley of Cleveland;

**Rachael Wood:** will be a junior at The Ohio State University in the fall majoring in business with a 3.58 GPA; her father is a member of the Valley of Cleveland.

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## 2011 Holiday Show: A Breakfast with Santa

For the first time ever, the Valley of Cleveland will hold its annual Holiday Show as a breakfast with Santa. The breakfast will be held in the dining area on 2M from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2011. We are asking all adults (and teenage children) to pay \$5.00 for breakfast (children 12 and under are free). Everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy breakfast with Santa, and following the meal, he will present all children 12 and under with a small gift.

For the past several years, our annual Holiday Show has been in a format where we have some form of entertainment followed by an appearance by Santa. In an attempt to keep our events "fresh" and in keeping with Supreme Council's "ICE" concept (keeping all Valley events Interesting, Convenient and Enjoyable), our Family Life Committee has selected this new format for 2011.

Historically, attending the Holiday Show has not required any reservations. This year, as we are serving breakfast to everyone, we ask that you complete the coupon at the bottom of page seven and return it with your check for the adults and teenage children along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Valley office to receive tickets in advance. We hope everyone enjoys the new format, and look forward to seeing you and your family at breakfast on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Society News

**Ashtabula:** We will have breakfast meetings starting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2011, at the Pasta Oven in Rock Creek. Immediately following the breakfast, we will present the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree at Rock Creek Temple. There will also be breakfast meetings on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Mary's Diner in Geneva, and on Saturday December 3, 2011, at the Hartsgrove Cabin. Finally, we will hold our Annual Holiday Dinner on December 10, 2011, at Hartsgrove Temple starting at 6:00 p.m. We hope you will be able to attend one of these events.

**Cuyahoga:** We will hold our traditional Holiday Dinner Meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at Dimitri's Restaurant in Parma. All Cuyahoga Society meetings are open to ladies and invited guests and begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will be able to join us to share holiday cheer while benefiting our Learning Center.

**Lake/Geauga:** We will hold our next dinner meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Dubrovnik Gardens in Eastlake, and the December 21, 2011, meeting will be at the Cruisin' 50's Diner in Mentor. All Lake/Geauga dinner meetings begin promptly at 7:00 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 the Heritage Presbyterian Church in Amherst. In November, we will be meeting at the Wellington United Methodist Church; and our December Meeting will be held at Amherst Temple. All Lorain Society Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will be able to attend.

**Medina:** Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at W.R.M.C. and will be hosted by Sublime Prince Richard Metzler. As always, our meetings are open to all members, ladies and guests. Please make plans to join us for an enjoyable evening.

## Around the Valley

**Members on the move:** Congratulations are in order to **Ill. Bro.'s John L. Sperber, 33°** and **Walter C. Klein, MS, 33°** who both received their 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree in Chicago on August 30, 2011. Congratulations are also in order for **Sublime Princes Robert J. Homoly, Jr., Mark J. Bollinger** and **Michael J. Spisak** who were elected to receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree on August 28, 2012 right here in Cleveland, Ohio. We regret to report that **Sublime Prince Robert S. Odon, 32°**, Master of Ceremonies for Lake Erie Consistory has been forced to resign his station due to new family commitments. We are sorry to lose Bob as an Officer (as he has served so well) and our thoughts and prayers will be with him. As a result, **Sublime Prince Robert C. Hager, 32°** will move up to that station, and **Sublime Prince Scott E. Bratton, 32°** will move up to Engineer & Seneschal. We are pleased to announce that **Sublime Prince Stephen M. Behm, 32°** has been appointed Captain of the Guard and **Sublime Prince Daniel W. Andrews, Jr., 32°** has been appointed Standard Bearer, effective September 12, 2011.

**Hospitaler's Report:** A list of Members still battling medical issues would include: **Ill. Bro.'s Robert J. Hibjan, 33°**, **Boris N. Stephanoff, MS, 33°** and **Ill. Bro. Morton S. Negin, 33°**. Some of our members recovering from recent surgeries are: **Ill. Wilbur B. Smith, 33°**, and **Ill. Robert M. Zegarac, 33°**. As of this writing, **Ill. Bro. Arthur G. Quade, 33°** is gravely ill and is in the ICU at the Cleveland Clinic. Please keep these members in your prayers.

### Presiding Officers

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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 fall season is fast approaching. That means most of our Masonic organizations go from darkness to light, and a chance for each of us to “*get involved*”. Our building has been cleaned and is ready for our use.

The following list includes all Degrees, events and programs at the Valley during the fourth quarter of 2011:

**Saturday, October 1, 2011** - after the success of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree presentation at Harts Grove Temple in June, we will again present the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree after the 8:00 a.m. breakfast meeting at the Pasta Oven in Rock Creek. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree will be presented at the Rock Creek Temple starting at **10:00 a.m.**;

**Monday, October 3, 2011** - we will have a Four Coordinate Bodies Meeting starting at **7:00 p.m.**, followed immediately by the 26<sup>th</sup> Degree;

**Thursday, October 6, 2011** - the Lorain County Society will hold its Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers at the Heritage Presbyterian Church in Amherst at **7:00 p.m.**;

**Saturday, October 22, 2011** - the Fall Reunion with the class named for **Ill. Ronald R. Ebert, 33°**. Please plan to attend and bring us a petition for a new member;

**Sunday, October 23, 2011** - the Valley will host our Annual Family Life Service at the Old Stone Church at **10:00 a.m.** Refreshments will follow. Come watch our members be a part of the service;

**Monday, November 7, 2011** - the Valley will host an open meeting for all members, ladies and guests where the Red Cross will be presenting a CPR class starting at **7:00 p.m.**;

**Saturday, November 19, 2011** - the Medina Society will be hold their dinner meeting at W.R.M.C. starting at **6:30 p.m.** (PLEASE NOTE: this is a Saturday).

**Monday, December 5, 2011** - we will hold a Four Coordinate Body Meeting at **7:00 p.m.** followed immediately by the 12<sup>th</sup> Degree;

**Thursday, December 8, 2011** - the Cuyahoga County Society will hold its traditional Holiday Dinner meeting at Dimitri's Restaurant in Parma. All Cuyahoga Society Meetings begin at **7:00 p.m.** and are open to ladies and guests

**Saturday, December 10, 2011** - we will host a Breakfast with Santa this year to replace our Annual Holiday Show at **9:00 a.m.** (coupon on page 7). Ashtabula will also hold their Holiday Dinner on this date at the Hart's Grove Temple starting at **6:00 p.m.**

Brethren, please remember we are still in need of your email addresses. **PLEASE** send an email to [aasrnews@asrcleveland.org](mailto:aasrnews@asrcleveland.org). I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

## Membership

By: Ill. Edwin A. Strauss, Jr., 33°

Life Choices....We all make them on a daily basis. Some are good and some are bad. I know that one of the best decisions that I ever made in my entire life was asking for a petition to join my Dad's Lodge and to become a Mason. Little did I know at the time, of the wonderful journey that was ahead of me. The friends that I have made; the places that I have been; the things that I have experienced; it is a never ending and still is today.

Joining the Scottish Rite was another wise decision. I had always heard of the wonderful degree work that was performed in the Valley of Cleveland. Guess what....It continues today! I encourage each of you to reach out to those around you and help them to make a “Life Choice” of becoming a Mason and then to become a Scottish Rite Mason. Our Lodges need new members and the same is true for Scottish Rite. We have a Reunion rapidly approaching and we all need to help somebody make a positive “Life Choice” by joining us in the Valley of Cleveland. Please do your part to help make our future strong and share this wonderful fraternity. They will not regret it and will thank you down the road.



### **Ill. Ronald R. Ebert, 33°**

**Born:** 5/1/1939 to Roy and Rose Marie (nee) Nickel (Ron is an only child)

**Education:** West Technical High School

**Family:** married, Donna Lee Berry on 6/6/59 – 3 grown sons, 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren

**Religious:** Franklin Circle Christian Church

**Professional:** TRW – Research Technologist  
Ronlen Industries – QA Manager (Retired)

**Masonic:** Ellbrook Lodge (now Harding-Concordia #345, Master 1982)  
AASR Valley of Cleveland, 1974 (C-I-C 2002 – 2004)  
Coroneted September 2003  
Corwin Webb Chapter #205 (H.P. 1977)  
Forest City Council #111 (I.M. 1988)  
Forest City Commandery #40 (Cmdr 1982, Grand Cmdr – 2000-2001)  
Knight of the York Grand Cross of Honor  
Allied Masonic Degrees – Walter Drake Council (PSM)  
Red Cross of Constantine (St. Benedict Conclave)  
Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor

## **2011 Fall Class Named for Ill. Ronald R. Ebert, 33°**

The Presiding Officers of the Valley of Cleveland have named the Fall Reunion Class of 2011 for Ill. Ronald R. Ebert, 33°; Past Commander-in-Chief of Lake Erie Consistory from 2002 - 2004 and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio from 2000 - 2001.

Ron has not only served the Valley as a presiding officer, but he continues to serve by volunteering his services at both the Cleveland Learning Center and the Cleveland Masonic Library.

The Fall Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2011. Please make plans to attend and help us honor Ron by offering a petition to any member of your Lodge who does not yet belong to the Valley and inviting them to become a member of this Class.

### **2011 Fall Reunion Schedule**

Registration – Auditorium Lobby.....	7:30 – 8:15 a.m.
Open – DeMolay.....	8:30 a.m.
4° - DeMolay.....	8:45 a.m.
Class Picture – Auditorium.....	9:15 a.m.
14° - Auditorium.....	9:20 a.m.
Class Meeting – DeMolay Room.....	10:50 a.m.
16° - Auditorium.....	11:20 a.m.
Lunch – Exhibition Hall.....	12:15 p.m.
Introductions & Presentations – Exhibition Hall.....	12:45 p.m.
Message to the Class – Exhibition Hall.....	1:00 p.m.
18° - Auditorium.....	1:15 p.m.
Break.....	2:30 p.m.
32° - Auditorium.....	3:00 p.m.
31° - Auditorium.....	4:15 p.m.
Closing – Auditorium.....	5:30 p.m.



## Western Reserve Theatre Organ Society Premiere the 1924 Wurlitzer Pipe Organ in the Auditorium on 11/5/11

The Western Reserve Theatre Organ Society, which has spent over three years refurbishing their 1924 theater pipe organ in our auditorium, announces the world premiere of this instrument. Two award-winning artists will be featured at the Wurlitzer along with the Strongsville Jazz Band, and a 1928 silent comedy with Laurel and Hardy. This event will be in the auditorium on Saturday, November 5, 2011 starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Valley office.

On January 20, 2011, the Valley of Cleveland, along with the Western Reserve Theatre Organ Society, will present a silent movie. The price of admission for all Valley members, family and guests will be a non-perishable item to be deposited in the boxes in the lobby for our annual winter food drive.

## TO OUR MEMBERS...

The Valley of Cleveland has created a database of the skills of our membership to be utilized by other members seeking to purchase services, for business or personal projects. This database is now available on our website ([aasrcleveland.org](http://aasrcleveland.org)). Those of you 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 still asking you to contact us to describe your particular skill. If you would like your skills posted, just email the information to the Valley Secretary at [secretary@aasrcleveland.org](mailto:secretary@aasrcleveland.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).

## Scholarships/Learning Center Graduation (Continued from page 1)

The James Scholarships are awarded to medical students and this year are \$3,000.00 each.

**Alicia Boykin:** a second-year medical student at the University of Cincinnati and a Senior Rainbow girl;

**Tyler Jones:** a third-year medical student at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine whose grandfather is a member of the Valley;

**Martin Sievert:** a second-year medical student at the Medical College of Wisconsin and both his father and grandfather are members of the Valley;

**Nathan Patrick:** a third-year medical student at the University of Toledo in Maumee and Nathan himself is a Mason;

**Jeffrey Frank:** a second-year medical student at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine whose grandfather is a Mason;

**Demetra Gibson:** a second-year medical student at Case Western Reserve University whose father is a Mason;

**Heather Link:** a second-year medical student at Case Western Reserve University whose father is a Mason;

**Mark Broadbent:** a third-year medical student at Case Western Reserve University whose grandfather is a Mason;

**Frank Masters, III:** a second-year medical student at Case Western Reserve University whose father is a Mason;

**Ryan Wagner:** who is himself a Mason, is in his internship in Canton;

**Lauren Beene:** a second-year medical student at Oakland University whose father is a Mason;

**Candice Paparone:** a pre-med sophomore at Mount Union College whose father is a Mason.

# Sights and Scenes.....



Team Black wins the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual AASR Golf Outing



Donald James with the 2011 Valley of Cleveland Scholarship winners



2011 Cleveland Masonic Learning Center graduates



Lunch time at our 2011 Family Picnic at Pioneer Water and Fun Park



S.P.'s Klein and Sperber ready to receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> in Chicago on 8/30/11



S.P.'s Bollinger, Spisak and Homoly will receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> here in 2012

## Proposed By-Law Change

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Valley of Cleveland has proposed the following change to our By-Laws:

ARTICLE 2; Section 1;

Which now reads

: ..... The meeting held on the first Monday in May shall be the Annual Meeting. ..

To be changed to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2; Section 1;

The meeting held on the first Monday in March, April or May shall be the Annual Meeting (as called by the Board of Trustees and announced in accordance with ARTICLE 2; Section 4 of the By-Laws).

**This proposed change to our By-Laws will be read for the first time at our Four Coordinate Bodies Meeting on October 3, 2011; and will be read for the second time at our Four Coordinate Bodies Meeting on December 5, 2011 when we will ballot.**

### Red Cross to Teach CPR Class on November 7, 2011

In lieu of our Four Coordinate Bodies Meeting on Monday, November 7, 2011, we have invited the Red Cross to teach a CPR training session at 7:00 p.m. in the DeMolay Room.

This event is open to all members, their ladies and guests and will be followed by light refreshments. There will be no formal meeting this evening, and ladies and guests will be invited in promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Please make plans to attend and join with the members of the Valley of Cleveland in learning (or reviewing) the skills necessary to perform CPR. One never knows when he or she might be the only person available to utilize these skills to render life-saving help to a family member, friend or even a stranger in need.

### Team Black Wins the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Valley Golf Outing

Our 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing was held on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at The Briarwood Golf Course in Broadview Hts. This year the winning team was that of Ill. Bro. Jeffrey J. Black, 33°, the Chairman of the Board. The Black family team fired a 12 under par 60 to take the honors.

This year's outing started with lunch and registration at 12:30 p.m. followed by a shotgun start. When the match concluded, everyone was treated to a fine steak dinner with all the trimmings followed by the presentation of the prizes.

Next year we will "go west" with this event in Lorain County. We thank Sublime Prince Robert D. Berteau for once again serving as the Chairman of this traditional event.

### 2011 Fall Reunion Luncheon Reservations

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ luncheon tickets at \$10.00 each for the Spring Reunion on Saturday, October 22, 2011. Enclosed, please find my check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE**

*(Deadline for mailing tickets 10/14/11)*

### 2011 Holiday Show "A Breakfast With Santa"

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ Adult tickets at \$5.00 each and \_\_\_\_\_ Children's tickets (free) for a breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the DeMolay Room dining area. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE**

*(Deadline for mailing tickets 12/5/11)*

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## Calendar of Events

### OCTOBER

10/1/11 Ashtabula Society Breakfast (Rock Creek) 10/1/11 4<sup>th</sup> Degree (Rock Creek Temple)  
10/3/11 Board of Trustees Meeting 10/3/11 Four Coordinate Bodies (26°)  
10/6/11 Lorain Society Meeting (Heritage Presby.) 10/22/11 Fall Reunion (auditorium and DeMolay)  
10/23//11 Family Life Church Service (Old Stone)

### NOVEMBER

11/3/11 Lorain Society Meeting (Wellington) 11/5/11 Ashtabula Society Breakfast (Mary's Diner)  
11/7/11 Board of Trustees Meeting 11/7/11 Red Cross CPR Class (DeMolay Room)  
11/16/11 Lake/Geauga Society Meeting (Dubrovnik) 11/19/11 Medina Society Meeting (WRMC)  
11/24/11 Holiday (building closed) 11/25/11 Holiday (building closed)

### DECEMBER

12/1/11 Lorain Society Meeting (Amherst) 12/3/11 Ashtabula Society Brkfst. (Hartsgrove Cbn)  
12/5/11 Board of Trustees Meeting 12/5/11 Four Coordinate Bodies Meeting (12°)  
12/8/11 Cuyahoga Society (Dimitri's) 12/10/11 "A Breakfast with Santa" (DeMolay)  
12/10/11 Ashtabula Society Dinner (Hartgrove Tpl) 12/21/11 Lake/Geauga Society (Cruisin' 50's Diner)  
12/23/11 Holiday Observed (office closed) 12/24/11 Holiday (building closed)  
12/25/11 Holiday (building closed) 12/26/11 Holiday Observed (office closed)  
12/30/11 Holiday Observed (office closed) 12/31/11 Holiday (building closed)

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