

## FIVE VALLEY DEGREE DAY ON JANUARY 31, 2009

The Five Valley, Scottish Rite Association of northeast Ohio held a one day all degree program on January 31, 2009. The five Valley Association includes Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Steubenville and Youngstown. The biennial event was held at The Canton Masonic Temple. The members of the Valley of Canton were great host with a great crew of fellows handling the setup and staging for all of the degrees. All of the six degrees were portrayed in a very impressive manner; the day was enjoyed by all who attended.

The day started at 8:30 AM with the 4°, Master Traveler and ended in the afternoon at approximately 4:00 PM, with the Valley of Akron portraying the 30°, Grand Inspector in a very impressive manner. Other degrees portrayed were the 5°, by the Valley of Steubenville; the 7° by the Valley of Cleveland; the 20° by the Valley of Youngstown; and the 27° by the Valley of Canton.

There were 533 members and candidates, who signed in at the registration desk, which included sixteen candidates. There were six candidates from the Valley of Akron together with several more members who had not witnessed some of the degrees. There were 500 who joined together for lunch at noon.

There were 67 members from the Valley of Akron including 6 candidates, 78 from the Valley of Cleveland, 61 from the Valley of Columbus, 31 from the Valley of Cambridge with 3 candidates, 82 from the Valley of Youngstown, 37 from the Valley of Steubenville, 161 from the Valley of Canton with 4 candidates, at least one member each from the Valleys of Dayton, Cincinnati and Toledo. We had brethren visiting with us from the out of state Valleys of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Nashville, Tennessee and Boston, Massachusetts.

Distinguish guess included Ill. Neil M. Smalley 33°, Deputy for Ohio; Active Emeriti Ill. Richard F. Maier 33° and Ill. Martin R. Schuller 33°; Actives Ill. James R. Filliez 33° and Ill. Matthew P. Puska-

rich 33°; Deputy's Representatives: Ill. John D. Gustafson 33°, from the Valley of Akron; Ill. Bradford A. Goebel 33°, from the Valley of Cleveland; Ill. Randy Williams 33°, from the Valley of Cambridge; and Ill. Phillip R. Elliott, Jr. 33°, from the Valley of Youngstown.

Officers from the Grand lodge of Ohio included MWB Thomas H. Galyen 33°, PGM and Grand Treasurer; RWB Bradford A. Goebel 33°, Senior Grand Warden; RWB Kevin Todd, Junior Grand Warden; and RWB James F. Easterling 33°, Grand Orator.

As Degree Director for the 30°, I thank each of the members of the cast for a job well done. I had a number of brethren from several of the Valleys complemented us for a splendid job.

Raymond B. Strickland 33°  
Degree Director

# 4°

## AT WADSWORTH MAY 13, 2009

The members of Wadsworth Lodge No. 385 have invited the Valley of Akron to hold a special meeting in the Wadsworth Masonic Temple on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of portraying the 4° Master Traveler. This special meeting of the Valley of Akron has a twofold purpose; first, to confer the 4° on new members, second, to see how much interest there is in starting a new Scottish Rite group in Wadsworth.

The special meeting of the Valley of Akron is open to all members of the Scottish Rite, and all members are encouraged to come and support this effort to start a new group for the benefit of the Rite. Please remember to bring some petitions for new members. There will be refreshments following the close of the 4°.

The location of the Wadsworth Masonic Temple is at 660 High Street, Wadsworth, OH 44281, Tel: 330.336.8350.

## FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB

Arras Chapter, Rose Croix, Valley of Akron, invites all Masons, their families and friends to attend the annual observance of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb, to be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 7:00 PM at the Cuyahoga Falls Masonic Complex, 2307 Sackett Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223, Tel: 330.923.3714.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb is a time for all Masons to remember their Masonic brothers who have gone to their eternal rewards during the past year. A special invitation to attend our services is extended to the families and friends of our departed brethren.

Refreshments will be served in the dining area, following the memorial observance.



## 64<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TADMOR SHRINE CIRCUS

Friday, March 27 at 3:30 PM & 7:30 PM; Saturday, March 28 at 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM; & Sunday March 29 at 1:00 PM & 5:00 PM, at the Canton Civic Center, 1101 Market Avenue, Canton, OH.

Be sure to join in on the fun by calling **Ticketmaster at (330.945.9400)** for tickets.