



R.W.B. James F. Easterling
Senior Grand Deacon

Brethren, with the holiday season behind us, Jill and I hope that everyone had a very blessed and enjoyable time with your family and friends. Blue Lodge inspections begin in January and I know that all of our Lodges continue to work toward our Grand Master's theme of "Freemasonry, Lighting The Way". I hope that we all continue to support our Lodges with our attendance. A list of inspection dates and times can be found at the <www.masonicoh21.net> website and on Page No. 6 of this issue of the Rite Lite.

Here are a few dates to keep in mind:

- March 31st, 2007, **GRAND MASTER'S ONE DAY CLASS**
- May 11th, 2007, **21st District Grand Master's Reception.**

I hope you will plan on attending.

Our Grand Master and his lady Brenda are struggling with some health issues. Brenda is currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Our hope and prayers are that she will be able to travel with Mike this year and enjoy this time of being the first lady in Masonry. If you would like to drop her a note or a card their address is:

Michael and Brenda Himes
224 East State Rd.
Cleveland, Ohio 45002-1354

I know that Mike and Brenda would love to hear from you.

I hope to see you soon.

Jim Easterling, Jr.

2007 ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Leon M. Abbott Scholarships provide financial support for the continuing education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic related youth groups. Since 1951, more than \$3 million has been awarded to students from each state of the Northern Jurisdiction.

The following criteria will be used to determine the eligibility of all applicants for the program:

- Applications are accepted for review on behalf of current undergraduate students and graduate students.
- High School students entering their freshman year are not eligible.
- A minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- A child or grandchild of a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- A member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- A graduate of one of the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The minimum awards for a scholarship grant shall be \$1,000 for each academic year and are not to exceed five consecutive years for any recipient.

Applications may be obtained by contacting the Valley of Akron office at the address, telephone number or e-mail address as listed below.

Applications can also be obtained on-line at the Supreme Council web site, <http://www.supremecouncil.org>, then clicking on the Charities link.

Applicants should submit their application to the Valley providing for their eligibility. In other words, if your father is providing your eligibility, you submit the application to his home Valley. If your grandfather is providing your eligibility, you submit your application to his home Valley. Valley address may be found on the Supreme Council web page or you may contact the Valley of Akron Secretary at 91 Springside Drive, Akron,

OH 44333, Telephone No. 330.666.8443, email: <valleyofakron@neo.rr.com>. All applications must be submitted in duplicate no later than April 1, 2007.

Distribution of Funds for the immediate year of 2007-2008, checks will be issued by Supreme Council and made out to the individual applicant, not the Institution.



III. Bud Hardy, 33°

YOUR OLD PAPERS WILL HELP OUR LEARNING CENTER

You will see a new bright green and yellow paper container in the northwest corner of the Summit Masonic Complex parking lot. The container is supplied by Abitibi Paper Retriever Company. They are a major company, that recycles paper and pay charitable organizations for the paper. They have agreed to pay our Dyslexic Learning Center for Children, for every pound of paper we deposit in container. Please help, by bringing your clean and dry newspapers.

Please bring your magazines, shopping catalogs, office computer paper, school papers and mail with you when coming to the Masonic Complex. Please **no shredded paper**. Also, they **cannot take laminated paper, food containers, plastic of any kind, metal, glass, cardboard, chipboard, phone books, and hardbound textbooks**. Our training center will benefit from your support.

Thank you,

Bud Hardy, 33°
Member CLC Board of Governors

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

February 10, 2007

Single, Couple or Group, you are all invited! Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 10, 2007. If you like music, if you like to laugh and if you like a great meal, then you will want to be at the Summit Masonic Complex for the performance of the "Hot Air Buffoons", who are International Gold Medal Winners in the Comedy Division and ranked as one of the top 20 barbershop quartets in the world.

We will start off the evening with dinner at 6:00 PM. Choice of entrée is rib-eye steak or chicken Cordon Bleu. After dinner, we will enjoy a performance filled with outrageous humor and some of the finest barbershop harmonizing you have ever heard. There might also be some other surprises in store for you that evening.

We are getting the word out to ALL Masonic bodies to be a part of our Valentine's Day celebration. Brethren, don't be shy if you don't have a date. Come stag and enjoy a great evening. RSVPs are made with payment of \$25.00 per person and should be sent to the Valley of Akron, 91 Springside Drive, Akron, OH 44333. Please indicate your choice of entrée when making reservations. Entrée choice is Rib-Eye steak or Chicken Cordon Bleu. Final deadline for RSVPs is February 2, 2007. Seating is limited, so please send your reservation deposits in NOW!

Estes

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Christine and Donna. Ill. Bro. Bill was employed in the Auto Industry for 40 years, at Ford, Chrysler and General Motors. He served an apprenticeship at Ford and was a Supervisor for Chrysler at two different plants. He retired from General Motors as tool and die maker in 1992.

Ill. Bro. Bill joined Stow Lodge No. 768 in October 1970 and was raised on January 5, 1971. He served as Master in 1982, and joined the Valley of Akron that same year. He worked on the stagecraft for several years and took part in several

EVENTS

- Jan. 15, Monday**, at 7:00 PM, Officers Association Meeting
- Jan. 18, Thursday**, at 6:00 PM, Trustees' Meeting, at 7:30 PM, Stated Meeting and a *Portrayal of the 17th*
- Feb. 10, Saturday**, at 6:00 PM, Sweethearts Dinner, by reservation. "*Hot Air Buffoons*" See Page No. 7, for details.
- Feb. 12, Monday**, at 7:00 PM, Officers Association Meeting
- Feb. 15, Thursday**, at 6:00 PM, Trustees' Meeting, at 7:30 PM, Stated Meeting and a *Portrayal of the 20th*, see Page No. 1 for details.
- Feb. 24, Saturday**, All Degree Day in Cleveland, (See Page No. 7 for details)
- Mar. 12, Monday**, at 7:00 PM, Officers Association Meeting
- Mar. 15, Thursday**, at 6:00 PM, Trustees' Meeting, at 7:30 PM, Stated Meeting, with a *speaker on the Holy Lands*.
- Mar. 31, Saturday, Grand Master's One-Day Class** at the Canton Masonic Temple. See Page No. 1, for details.
- April 4, Wednesday**, at 7:00 PM, *Feast of the Paschal Lamb*.
- April 16, Monday**, at 7:00 PM, Officers Association Meeting
- April 19, Thursday**, at 6:00 PM, **Begin Reunion with 4th**, at 7:30 PM, Stated Meeting. **12th** at 8:00 PM.
- April 20, Friday**, at 6:30 PM, **14th and 16th**.
- April 21, Saturday**, at 8:00 AM, **18th, 26th, 31st and 32nd**.
- May 11, Friday**, 21st Masonic District Reception for the **Grand Master**, see Page No. 5, for details.
- May 12, Saturday**, at 8:30 AM, **Holmes County Bus Trip**, see Page No. 3 and 5, for details.
- May 14, Monday**, at 7:00 PM, Officers Association Meeting
- May 17, Thursday**, at 6:00 PM, Trustees' Meeting, at 7:30 PM, Stated and **Annual Meeting**.
- May 26, Saturday**, at 7:00 PM, Annual Installation of Officers.

degrees in the Lodge of Perfection and the Consistory. Ill. Bro. Estes was appointed as an officer of Adar Council Princes of Jerusalem by Ralph Edwards in 1997, and served as Sovereign Prince in 2002.

He was appointed District Education Officer in 1986 and 1987 for the 21st Masonic District. He was then appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 21st Masonic District in 1998 and served to 2001.

Ill. Bro. William Edgar Estes was conferred a 33° Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction on August 30, 2005 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

George Washington

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meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 7:30 PM, we will enjoy All-American beef stew and what else, but fresh cherry pie! It promises be a great evening of Scottish Rite fellowship.

William E. Turner, Jr.
Commander-in-Chief

FIVE VALLEY ALL DEGREE DAY IN CLEVELAND

The Valleys of **Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Steubenville** and **Youngstown** will portray the 11°, 22°, 24°, 25°, 28° and 29° during an "All Degree Day" on Saturday, February 24, 2007, in Cleveland. Bring your passports to record this first time ever event. Check the January Rite Lite for further details.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our thanks go to Esther Bond and the ladies of the Women's Auxiliary for all the behind-the-scenes work they have been doing for our Valley. Brethren, if you have not been to a stated meeting, then you have missed out on all of the homemade dishes and desserts the ladies bring to our meetings. Please invite your lady to come with you to our stated meetings, so she can enjoy the many programs and activities with our ladies.