

### Scottish Rite Passport



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## PASSPORTS

Do you have a Degree Passport Book to keep a record of the degrees that you have witnessed? If you do not have a Passport Book, they are available from the Valley Secretary. Please see the Tiler after each degree and have your Passport Book stamped. After you have witnessed all of the degrees, please turn in your Passport to the Valley Secretary for verification and notification to Supreme Council; you will receive a Certificate from the Supreme Council. Fifteen Degrees will be portrayed for you during this year. For additional information about Passport Books, please telephone Ill George A. Seabeck, 33°, Valley Secretary at (330.666.8443).

## MASONIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Each year the Masons donate thousands of dollars to help feed the hungry in Summit and surrounding Counties. If you actively attend your Blue Lodge or the Scottish Rite meetings, you probably already know about our worthy, charitable efforts. However, for those of you who cannot attend these meetings, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about one of the charitable outreach programs in which Masons are actively involved. During the year, we receive the names of individuals and families who are faced with life's adversity or a family devastation; these names are provided by

Masons, community churches, Salvation Army and Akron Beacon Journal.

Because the Masonic Assistance Program is active "throughout the year," we are continually seeking funds to support this endeavor, but more especially just before Christmas, when we deliver food baskets to those who have needs in our communities. Who can receive assistance from the Masonic Assistance Program? Any Mason can recommend someone who has a need, such as families or individuals who are facing seemingly overwhelming circumstances; someone who has lost his job; a family that is suffering through a family death or illness; a family that is new to the area and may be looking for a job or a place to live; someone who does not have enough money at the end of the month to buy prescriptions or make the necessary repairs on the family car; or someone who has endured the anguish of house damage due to fire or other disasters. For these and so many other reasons, an individual or family can receive a food basket or gift certificate to show our concern and support. By sending some assistance, we convey the message that we do care about what is happening in their lives. For them, tomorrow can be a better day because Masons helped them today.

If you will, please take a few moments of your time to send a donation. Funding is directed through the Valley of Akron. Checks should be made out to: Aroba Lodge of Perfection, with the notation: "Masonic Assistance Program" and sent to: The Valley of Akron, 91 Springside Drive, Akron, Ohio 44333.

This year, on Sunday, December 21, 2008, Masons and their family members will deliver food baskets to area families from Craftsmen's Park. These food baskets will be assembled on Saturday, December 20, 2008. If you can volunteer to help assemble or deliver these food baskets, please telephone Tom Spencer at (330.854.5219). Just as much as we need funds to purchase these food baskets and gift certificates, we are also looking for the names of Masons, their widows, family or friends who are deserving of our assistance. So if you know of a brother or family in need, please telephone  
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## WALK TO HELP CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA

Wow, what a perfect autumn morning and a great facility we had for our annual fund raising Walk To Help Children with Dyslexia. A crackling wood fire in the stone fireplace of a rustic shelter house welcomed the walkers and participants in from the chilly morning air. After being greeted by our registration crew, hot coffee and doughnuts helped supply the energy needed for those embarking on the scenic 5K walk through the park. (Some, who shall remain nameless, spent the entire time allotted for the event, energizing themselves, in lawn chairs by the fire]. Upon completion of the walk we had sloppy-joe sandwiches, chips and soft drinks for all in attendance. The consensus was that "a good time was had by all".

At the time of submitting this article a final financial status of proceeds was not available due to pledges and donations not yet received. However, we are optimistic about our monetary returns in spite of the current local, national and global economic concerns. I am especially happy to report we had more walkers and participants this year than in any of the prior years and we want to continue that trend. So at this point I want to invite all of you to next years Walk, and remember, if you don't feel up to walking, you can come out, support the event, and energize yourself in a lawn chair, by the fire.

I personally thank all our walkers and their sponsors, those who made donations and our Corporate Sponsors for their continued support. Thanks also to all those who helped co-ordinate and staff this event. My biggest debt of gratitude goes to our secretary Ill. Bro. George Seabeck 33° and Bro. James Himmelright for their tireless attention to correspondence mailings and financial bookkeeping associated with this event. I thank you both.

Kenneth Gang, Walk Chairman