



Michael A. Blum, 33°



George M. Stenger



James R. Moore

## CONGRATULATIONS VALLEY TREASURER

On Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, Illustrious Brother Michael A. Blum received the 33° in Providence, Rhode Island.

Since becoming a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in October of 1984, he has served our Valley in Stagecraft and as a Degree Director. He presided as Thrice Potent Master of our Aroba Lodge of Perfection in 1996. Since 2002, he has served as Treasurer of our Valley and has worked diligently to ensure the professionalism and accountability of our treasury.

He is a Past Master of Mount Akra Lodge #680. As a York Rite Mason, Mike is a Past Excellent High Priest of the then Akron Chapter #209 of Royal Arch Masons. He also holds membership in Tadmor Shrine. Synonymous with his memberships is service, Mike has served as a Board Member of his church. In his profession of general dentistry, he has served on many committees and in many capacities, including recent service as Chairman of the Legislative Committee and as President of the Akron Dental Society Capitol Club. He was recognized as a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry in July of 1990. His dental practice was a sponsor for our Walk for Dyslexia and his dental staff is regularly in attendance at our Akron Aero baseball games.

Our Valley proudly celebrated this achievement at our October Workers Dinner, where his wife, Audrey presented his 33° cap. Presenting his jewel was our Valley Secretary, Ill. George A. Seabeck, 33°.

## TO RECEIVE THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD AT OCD 2009

It is with great pride that the Valley of Akron announces that George M. Stenger has been elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award at our 2009 Ohio Council of Deliberation. It is fitting that Akron will be the host, as Akron Masonry is where George has distinguished himself.

Raised a Master Mason in Coventry Lodge #665, he served as Worshipful Master in 1970. The office of Lodge Secretary is one in which George has marked exemplary service. He was elected Secretary of Coventry Lodge #665 and re-elected for 25 consecutive years. Being a plural member of Akron Lodge #83, the brethren elected him Secretary in 2001, a post he served for four years, until the merger of both of the Lodges. He continues to serve as Secretary of the Coventry-Akron Lodge #83. He brought honor to himself and to his Lodge in 2004 by becoming the first recipient of the Secretary of the Year Award for the State of Ohio.

His involvement in the Valley of Akron has been extensive. He has served as Commander-in-Chief of Akron Consistory, been a Director and participant in Valley degrees, served as Standard Bearer of Akron Consistory, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, and served on the Membership Committee and as a Valley Ambassador.

## JAMES R. MOORE ELECTED TO RECEIVE THE 33° BOSTON 2009

We concluded Supreme Council 2008, held in Rhode Island, at the State Dinner for Ohio. The dinner concluded with the naming of those brethren elected from our State to receive the 33°. Immediately, thereafter, a contingent from the Valley of Akron returned to a hotel room to make a phone call to our very own James R. Moore to congratulate him on being elected to receive this high honor. Jim is one of 17 Ohio Scottish Rite Masons that comprises the 114-member class elected to receive the 33° in Boston, Massachusetts in August of 2009.

A graduate of Muskingum College, Jim is a retired mathematics teacher. He is active in his church. A Past Master of National Lodge #568, he has also presided in the Chapter, Council, and Commandery Bodies of the York Rite, holding membership in Ohio Priory #18 as a Knight of the York Cross of Honour.

Joining our Valley in 1973, Jim has served as Most Wise Master of Arras Chapter Rose Croix, and, for several years, he has presided in this capacity for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. He serves on the Abbott Scholarship Committee and was recently named to serve on our Valley's Endowment Committee. His quiet efforts contribute much to both our Fraternity and to society. Congratulations, Jim, from the Valley of Akron!