



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

Our Inspection season is well under way and if you have not been able to get to any of the Inspections, I encourage you to do so. There has been some good work presented to the candidates and I know that we will continue to see the same. I recently was at Star Lodge No. 187 for their Entered Apprentices. Inspection and within the body of the Lodge we had 7 or 8 Entered Apprentice candidates watching the degree. I remarked how nice it was to see so many young Masons in the room and was grateful to all of the Lodges that had brought their candidates to see the conferral.

Our Grand Master's theme is "*Lighting the Way*", brethren this is one of many ways that we can do so. I would also like to remind you of our Grand Master's One Day Class that will be held on March 31, 2007, at the Canton Masonic Temple. For those men who would like to become a Mason in one day this is a great opportunity to do so. The Lodge Secretaries have all the information that you will need. May all of you continue to support our Blue Lodges and Stay Warm!

Fraternally,
Jim Easterling, Jr.

LIVING LAST SUPPER

A presentation of the Last Supper will be portrayed on April 2, 2007 at 7:00 PM, at the Western Reserve Masonic Community by Knights Templar from several of the local Commanderies. Come and join with them in this annual event. The service is open to all masons, their families and friends.



DEDICATION OF THE AKRON LEARNING CENTER

Ill.: John William McNaughton, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction United States of America will be in Akron, Ohio to formally dedicate the 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center for Children. The dedication will take place at the Summit Masonic Complex, 91 Springside Drive, Akron, OH 44333 on Sunday, April 15, 2007 at 2:00 PM.

Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the Dedication Ceremony which should be approximately one hour.

Please reply to the Secretary's Office at 330.666.8443 no later than April 8, 2007 if you are able to join us in this memorable occasion.

George A. Seabeck, 33°
Valley of Akron Secretary

21ST DISTRICT RECEPTION For Our GRAND MASTER

The Reception in the 21st Masonic District for our Grand Master, will be held at the Tadmor Shrine Temple, on **Friday, May 11, 2007**. The cost of tickets is \$15.00 per person. To curtail the reception costs, lodges or individuals can sponsor a Grand Lodge Officer and will then be entitled to escort the Grand Lodge Officer's lady to her seat at the reception.

EVENTS

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. 5, for details.

April 3, Tuesday, at 7:00 PM,
Feast of the Paschal Lamb, see
Page 1 for details.
April 11, Friday, Grand
Master's Reception at
Tadmor.
April 15, Sunday, Dedication of
CLC, see Page 2, for details.
April 16, Monday, at 7:00 PM,
Officers Association Meeting
April 19, Thursday, at 6:00 PM,
Begin Reunion with 4°, at 7:30
PM, Stated Meeting. **12°** at 8:00
PM.
April 20, Friday, at 6:30 PM, **14°
and 16°**.
April 21, Saturday, at 8:00 AM,
18°, 26°, 31° and 32°.

May 4, 5 & 6, Bus Trip to Grand
Rapids, see Page 4, for details.
May 11, Friday, 21st Masonic
District Reception for the **Grand
Master**.
May 12, Saturday, at 8:30 AM,
Holmes County Bus Trip, see
Page No. 3, for details.
May 14, Monday, at 7:00 PM,
Officers Association Meeting
May 15, Tuesday, Aeros Baseball
Game, see Page 4, for details.
May 17, Thursday, at 6:00 PM,
Trustees' Meeting, at 7:30 PM,
Stated and **Annual Meeting**.
May 24, Thursday, at 7:00 PM,
Annual Installation of Officers.

June 1 & 2, Friday & Saturday,
OCD in Columbus.
June 8, Saturday, Abbott
Scholarship and Officers
Dinner

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 must have at least one quarter or semester of their freshman year completed to be eligible for a scholarship.
- 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. Or, a member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Or, 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.

LADIES

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at the Summit Masonic Complex. After sharing lunch with the men, the ladies will then have an opportunity to enjoy an in-character presentation from Julia, the wife of Ulysses S. Grant. A cheerful person, Julia loved people, and she also loved being the center of attention. No other woman in our nation's history loved being First Lady as much as Julia Grant did. An ardent admirer of fine things, Julia reveled in the receptions, state dinners and pomp of the White House. She will share stories about living among the Civil War soldiers and handling the social requirements of a general's lady and then a First Lady. Mrs. Grant has appeared at the National First Ladies' Library and Museum in Canton, Ohio. After her portrayal, the ladies will have an opportunity to share conversation and some special refreshments. Brethren, please encourage your lady to share an enjoyable afternoon hosted by the Valley of Akron and the Ladies' Auxiliary. Please call the Valley Secretary, (330.666.8443), to make a reservation for the lunch and ladies' social. For more information, please contact any of the following: Ladies' Auxiliary President Esther Bond at (330.733.5287) or billestherjoshua@aol.com; Mary Spencer at (330.854.5219) or tomary@bright.net; or Gloria Tilden at (330.673.4063) or thetildens@yahoo.com.

Reunion

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various degrees, Ill. Bro. Estes served as Sovereign Prince of Adar Council in 2002. He was appointed District Education Officer in 1986 and 1987 and then served as District Deputy Grand Master for the 21st Masonic District from 1998 to 2001. Ill. Bro. Estes was coroneted a 33° Honorary Member of the Supreme

Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction on August 30, 2005 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Valley of Akron is proud to name the 2007 class for this outstanding and dedicated Mason.

REUNION SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 19, 2007

6:30 PM - Formal Opening and
4° Master Traveler
7:30 PM - Stated Meeting
8:00 PM - 12° Grand Master Architect
Refreshments following the 12°

Friday, April 20, 2007

6:30 PM - Posting of Colors by
the Knights Templar.
6:45 PM - 14° Grand Elect Mason
8:00 PM - 16° Knight of the East
and West
Refreshments following the 16°
Saturday, April 20, 2007
7:30 AM - Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM - Posting of Colors by
the Knights Templar.
9:15 AM - 18° Knight of Rose Croix
10:30 AM - 19° Grand Pontiff
12:00 Noon - Lunch with our ladies
12:45 PM - Speaker, Ill. William E.
Estes, 33°
1:00 PM - Ladies social hour with an
in-character presentation of Mrs. Julia
(U. S.) Grant.
1:00 PM - 31° Knight Aspirant.
2:30 PM - 32° Sublime Prince of the
Royal Secret

HOLY LAND TRAVELOGUE

With the Easter Season approaching, we are pleased to have Rev. Ann Paynter, Minister of Grace Lutheran Church of Wadsworth, who will be the featured speaker after our stated meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2007. Rev. Paynter is looking forward to sharing her experiences with us about her recent travels to the Holy Land. The Holy Land trip was sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and is free to ministers of the Christian faith.

Ladies are encouraged to come and join with us for this special Easter program. Homemade soups and deserts will be provided by the Ladies Auxiliary after the program.