

AKRON AEROS BASEBALL GAME

This year's Akron Aeros game is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2007. There will be a picnic prior to the game at 6:00 PM and the game begins at 7:05 PM. The price of the ballgame tickets will again be \$5.00. The menu and price of the picnic will be determined as we get closer to the game.

Please support this fund raiser for the 32nd Children's Learning Center rent at the Summit Masonic Complex. All profits go toward helping dyslectic children right here in Akron. In addition, all those who support this fund raiser without attending the game can become a "Baseball Buddy" by enabling disadvantaged children to attend the game on May 15. By far, this Valley of Akron event is the most fun and rewarding fund raiser, that we have each year. Please help us help the dyslectic and disadvantaged children by supporting this year's Akron Aeros game. For additional information, please call Bill Jerome at 330.825.5580.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN, AND A WEB MASTER NEEDED

The Valley of Akron has a need to find qualified and experienced brethren to fill two newly created positions within the Valley. The first position is the **Public Relations Chairman**. The brother who fills this job will plan and implement the publicity and public relations efforts of the Valley. The Chairman will report to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and will be responsible for working with a variety of officers, committee chairman, and external print and broadcast media.

The **Valley Web Master** will be responsible for creating a web page for the Valley and assuring that it is kept up to date with factual and timely information. This position will work closely with the

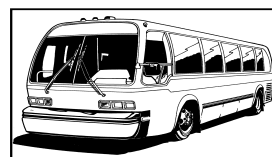
Public Relations Chairman and will report to the Valley Trustees

Both of these new positions are the result of the updated Valley of Akron Long Range Plan and will bring the Valley into compliance with Supreme Council and Ohio Council of Deliberation objectives. For further information about either position, contact Ill Joseph E. Levy 33rd, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee or apply directly to Ill Burton Job 33rd, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.



HOLMES COUNTY TRIP PLANNED

There will be a district bus trip to Holmes County on Saturday, May 12, 2007, leaving from the Summit Masonic Complex at 8:30 AM. This will be a day-trip where we will spend time with the Amish and learn of their history, culture and way-of-life. We will hear stories about growing up as Amish children. At the end of the day, we will be invited into an Amish home and be part of a reenactment of an Amish wedding and enjoy a typical Amish wedding feast. Also, two people from our group will be selected to be the bride and groom. The cost for the day's activities, meals and bus fare is \$85.00 for adults and \$70.00 for children 14 and under. The trip is limited to 50 seats. This is being promoted as a family event for any interested family or friends.



BUS TRIP TO VALLEY OF GRAND RAPIDS

The Valley of Canton invites you to travel with them to the Spring Reunion in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on May 4, 5 & 6. The Reunion is named for Ill. Walter F. Wheeler, 33rd, Grand Master of Masons in Michigan. John Filliez, Sovereign Prince of Mystic Council, Princes of Jerusalem, from the Valley of Grand

Rapids is also the brother of Ill. James R. Filliez, 33rd, who is one of the actives from the State of Ohio.

The coach will leave from the Canton Masonic Temple on Friday, May 4th at 5:30 AM. The cost for the trip is: single occupancy - \$265; double occupancy - \$185; triple occupancy - \$165; and quadruple occupancy - \$155. This cost includes 2 nights lodging at the Comfort Inn in Grand Rapids, 2 continental breakfasts and a welcome reception upon arrival. Not included are: baggage hand-ling, driver gratuity, meals and admissions to attractions. Some possible attractions that are being considered for the ladies on Friday afternoon are: Gerald R. Ford Museum, \$8; Van Andel Museum, \$12; Fredrick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, \$12; Tulip Time Attractions in Holland, MI, \$6-\$15; Gil-more Car Museum, \$9; or Air Zoo, \$20. The Valley of Grand Rapids will have planned activities for the ladies on Saturday.

To place your reservation, send your payment to: Robert Parker, Sr., 6975 Maple Glen Ave. NW, North Canton, 44720. If you have any questions, please call him at (330.305.1361). All payments for reservations are due by April 6, 2007.

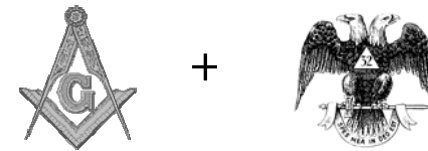
MENTORS WANTED

Have you ever looked up to someone? Is there a person you think of as an inspiration? We all have people in our lives whom we have admired and credit with making a difference to us personally. As the new year gets started, your membership committee will be implementing a mentor program for the candidates of our spring reunion. The key to making the program a success, will be providing each candidate with a guide who will be there to encourage them to become active participants in our valley. It is our hope that by educating new members they will take an active part and strengthen our valley for the future.

You can become an integral part of this program by volunteering to be a mentor to one of the new candidates for the Spring Reunion Class. We are asking that you make a thirteen-month commitment to your candidate and counsel him through the reunion as well as the first year of his membership as a Scottish Rite

Mason. We hope that you will consider becoming part of this program and make our new members feel enthusiastic about being part of our fine organization as a new member of the Valley of Akron. With this new program, we hope that new members will be encouraged to give of their time and talent, and help our valley continue to be strong.

Please contact Mike Bailey if you are interested in receiving more information about this program. Mike Bailey's home telephone is (330.85.6213) or e-mail: mike@magic568.com.



MASONIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT

On December 17, 2006, Masons and their family members delivered bags of groceries to needy families in Summit, Stark, Medina and Portage Counties. Ninety-eight families in our communities were assisted during the 2006 holiday season.

The 2006 year was a very good year for contributions. Including the carry-over balance from last year, donations from Masons totaled \$6,438.90. We spent \$3,344.26 for 76 food baskets and \$1,100.00 for 22 food certificates. There is currently a balance of \$2,294.64 in the Masonic Assistance fund, which will be used during the coming year to assist families in need.

For the last 16 years, the Valley of Akron has teamed with Acme Grocery Stores for this project. Unfortunately, our good friend Mr. Wiley Brooks from Acme Grocery will be retiring and will no longer be involved with our project. This coming year, we will purchase our groceries from local wholesalers and assemble the food baskets at Craftsman's Park for delivery on Sunday, December 23, 2007.

This past year's program has been another success because of the generosity of so many, many people. I especially

want to thank all of the Scottish Rite brethren who attended our stated meetings in September, October and November, where \$749.00 was collected for the Masonic Assistance Program. Scottish Rite Masons can be proud of their generosity in time of need and proud of the final outcome of the 2006 Masonic Assistance Program.

Thomas L. Spencer, 33rd
Chairman



GRAND MASTER'S ONE-DAY CLASS For The 21st Masonic District, Will be On Sat., March 31, 2007 (WE NEED CANDIDATES)

Most Worshipful Bro. Michael A. Himes, our Grand Master, has indicated that each Masonic Districts will have a One Day Class on March 31, 2007. This year the One-Day Class will be held at the Canton Masonic Temple, as this will be a 21st Masonic District event. Here is an opportunity for a man who wishes to become a Mason in one day. Also, the first degree of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will be conferred on those brethren who wish to join the York Rites organizations. The two Scottish Valleys of Akron and Canton will also have tables and information available seeking candidates for their Reunions.

All Lodges have been sent information on this event and if you have any questions, please call one of our District Deputy Grand Masters or contact RWB James F. Easterling, Jr., SGD.

VALENTINE'S DAY AT THE COMPLEX

The Summit Masonic Complex came alive with the sounds from two renowned barbershop quartets on Saturday, February 10th to celebrate Valentine's Day with our ladies, families and friends.

The first barbershop performers of the evening, "Montage," sang many old favorites, like "If I Were a Rich Man" and "Finian's Rainbow" medleys, to the delight of more than 225 who attended. Then "Hot Air Buffoons" really livened up the Complex with their crazy antics, hysterical humor, and precision harmonics that has won them many Gold Medals in International Barbershop Competition.

A fine meal was enjoyed by all, prepared by Aaron Bogle, MSA, and his highly trained staff. A special thank you goes out to the Medina Chapter DeMolay and Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 83, who helped to serve the meal.

Thomas A. Spencer, 33rd
Thrice Potent Master

WE NEED ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE *RITE LITE*

We have an ongoing campaign to solicit individuals and companies to advertise in the *RITE LITE*. If you or anyone whom you know, would benefit from placing an advertisement in a publication that has approximately two thousand circulation at each printing, which occurs bi-monthly, please consider the *RITE LITE*. All advertisements are Tax Deductible as a business expense. All monies received for advertisement will go towards the printing and postage of the *RITE LITE*, which is in excess of \$750.00 for each printing.

The next publication of the *RITE LITE* will be for the months of May and June. The dead line for new advertisements for the next issue of the *RITE LITE*, will be April 10, 2007. All, who may be interested in placing an advertisement in the *RITE LITE*, should contact:

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