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One-Day Class Exceeds Expectations

An unprecedented wave of enthusiasm throughout the Fraternity has greeted the *Grand Master's One-Day Class* and 149th Annual Reunion of the Scottish Rite on Saturday, April 27. Few events in the 200-plus year history of Freemasonry in Ohio have attracted the attention and widespread support which the One-Day Class has engendered.

Local Masonic officials have been somewhat taken aback by the way the one-day class concept has been embraced by Masons everywhere. "Based on the successes enjoyed by the other states we expected that Ohio would be on par with those jurisdictions," reports Michael A. Himes, 33°, Grand Marshal. "However, figures reported from throughout the state suggest that Ohio will far surpass other jurisdictions and the Grand Master's goal of 5,000 new members is well within reach."

Harry C. Carpenter, 33°, Executive Secretary of the Scottish Rite, attributes the success of the venture to a profound change of attitude within the Fraternity. "We have finally faced the fact that the old ways simply are not working. If anything, the one-day class concept has shown us, in a very dramatic way, that there is more interest in Freemasonry than many of us ever dreamed and all that was necessary was a more convenient way

for men to join the organization."

Crowd control is a major concern by organizers of the event. The local Scottish Rite office, which is acting as the central clearing house for both the Grand Lodge and

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the Scottish Rite, released an official count of 650 petitions received as of March 23. If that trend continues, **seating in the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Ballroom on April 27 may be limited to candidates.** In that event, closed-circuit television will be provided in the

Eastern Star Room on the second floor, and Lodge Room No. 1 on the fourth floor for viewing by the general membership and mentors.

Seating at banquets is another factor which must be tightly controlled for everyone's convenience and to give candidates precedence (all candidates will receive complimentary tickets). The facilities of the Cincinnati Masonic Center will be used to the fullest with seating for the Membership Luncheon at 12:00 Noon and the 32° Banquet at 6:30 p.m. in both the Scottish Rite Ballroom and the Exhibition Hall (located under Taft Theatre).

Tickets for the banquets must be purchased **in advance** and by **mail order only**. There will be no tickets sold over-the-counter. Each member must order his own tickets and members are requested to not order tickets for other members. See the handy mail order reservation form in this issue of the *Rite Recorder*.

There will be no ticket sales at-the-door on the day of the event.

Why by mail order only? Many brethren live too great a distance to purchase tickets in person directly from the Scottish Rite office which places them at a disadvantage when ticket sales are limited (which it will be for the April 27th event). Mail ordering is the only way to give everyone a fair chance.

Calendar of Events

- Apr 11 Stated Meeting
- Apr 27 **Grand Master's One-Day Class & 149th Annual Reunion**
The Ill. William R. Powers, Jr., 33° Class
- May 9 Annual Meeting
Installation of Officers
- June 7 & 8 Ohio Council of Deliberation
105th Annual Meeting
- June 17 All Ohio Golf Tournament
- June 22 & 23 Sport Fishing Trip
- Aug 5 19th Annual Scottish Rite Golf Classic
- Aug 17 All Masons Night at Cinergy Field
- Sept 1-3 190th Annual Meeting
Supreme Council, N.M.J.
- Sept 12 Stated Meeting

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Annual Meeting & Election of Officers May 9



David R. Samuelson



Ill. Chester G. Burton, 33°

Members of the Valley of Cincinnati are urged to attend the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, located in the Cincinnati Masonic Center, 317 East Fifth Street. Effective leadership being essential to any organization, the election of officers is one of the most important items of business on the agenda.

The state of the valley will be reported through a carefully planned, streamlined agenda to assure that the meeting is concise and interesting. Reports are limited to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Treasurer, Secretary, 14° Ring Committee, and Learning Center.

Similar to a corporate shareholders meeting, as shareholders in the Scottish Rite, all members should be present to exercise their voice in our future. The Annual Meeting is also an opportunity for members to gain a better insight into the operation of the valley.

David R. Samuelson, Thrice Potent Master of Gibulum Lodge of Perfection, will preside over the Annual Meeting. The Installation of Officers by Ill. Chester G. Burton, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council will be incorporated into the meeting.

The meeting is for members only, and a current 2001-2002 dues card is required for admission.

Learning Center Institutes "Sponsor A Child" Program

The Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction has instituted a new fund-raising program to support the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children. The "Sponsor A Child" program was designed to enhance public awareness and to encourage local businesses, Masonic organizations and individuals to help financially sponsor the cost of a child's tutoring.

A gift of \$10,000 fully sponsors a child for a two-year tutoring cycle. A \$5,000 gift sponsors a child for one year, and \$2,500 serves as a one-year co-sponsorship. All gifts are tax deductible.

"Our fund-raising goal has been very aggressive, and members of our organization, as well as the community, have responded overwhelmingly in the pilot

program," Executive Director Joseph J. Berlandi recently stated.

The Sponsor A Child program seeks to support the learning centers in two ways—to fund the cost of tutoring for each child while simultaneously raising community awareness of dyslexia and the positive impact of the program.

Research shows children with untreated dyslexia can become under-achieving adults unable to contribute to society at their fullest capacity.

This makes dyslexia a community-wide problem requiring community-wide participation. "Dyslexia affects us all," Berlandi said. "We want businesses and individuals alike to know that their sponsorship will do no less than change the life of one young child."

Sport Fishing Trip June 22-23

The popular Scottish Rite Sport Fishing Trip once again returns to the calendar of events this year with an exciting weekend of salmon and trout fishing planned on Saturday and Sunday, June 22 & 23 on Lake Michigan.

The weekend package includes excellent hotel accommodations, buffet dinner, breakfast and approximately nine hours of fishing with tackle, bait, license, and a box lunch provided. The event for Scottish Rite members only, is reasonably priced at \$165 per person. The itinerary calls for members to arrive at

St. Joseph, Michigan on Saturday afternoon, with departure late on Sunday. Members are responsible for their own transportation to and from St. Joseph.

The deadline for reservations, which are now being accepted, is May 31. Please refer to the full page flier and coupon elsewhere in this issue of the *Rite Recorder*.

A packet of information including travel directions will be sent to all participants upon receipt of the reservation form. For additional information call Chester Burton at 385-2345.

Unprecedented Interest in One-Day Class



Ill. William R. Powers, Jr., 33°

As the time draws near for *The Ill. William R. Powers, Jr., 33° Class*, which is an historic event in Ohio Masonic annals, interest and enthusiasm continue unabated.

New petitions are being received from men of all occupations. The busy executive who might be here on the weekend but in some other part of the country all week and the over-the-road transport driver are just two examples. Petitions are being received from family men who find themselves occupied by their jobs and the many activities of their children.

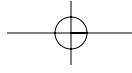
The ability to become a Master Mason, 32° Mason and Shriner in one day presents an opportunity never before available in our area. What normally took weeks and months to accomplish can be done on April 27, 2002. What a marvelous opportunity for that worthy friend to achieve a life long ambition to become a Master Mason along with other Masonic achievements in just one day.

The officers and members of the Valley of Cincinnati are proud to host this first-ever event of its kind locally. April 27, 2002 will truly be an "All Masons Day" in Cincinnati. It will be the culmination of much work and planning to generate revitalized interest in the Masonic Fraternity. The One-Day Class will be an event of monumental proportions, the likes of which has not been seen in decades. This will be a memorable and historic event at which all members of the Scottish Rite will want to be present and be a part.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN ATTENDING THE ONE-DAY CLASS ON APRIL 27

- Registration for candidates and mentors will open at **6:30 a.m.** in **Founders Hall** on the main floor.
- Registration for members will open at **6:30 a.m.** in the **Eastern Star Lounge** on the second floor.
- Tickets for the Membership Luncheon at 12:00 Noon and the 32° Banquet at 6:30 p.m. must be purchased **in advance by mail order only. Tickets will not be sold on April 27 and sale will be limited to seating capacity and subject to availability.**
- Seating in the Scottish Rite Cathedral will be restricted to **candidates and mentors. Note:** In the event that the number of candidates exceeds 800, mentors will be seated in **Lodge Room No. 1** on the fourth floor and will view the degrees via closed circuit television.
- Seating for the General Membership will be in the **Eastern Star Room** on the second floor where the degrees will be viewed via closed circuit television.
- Two parking garages are within one block of the Cincinnati Masonic Center. The Procter & Gamble Garage, located one block north on Sixth Street between Broadway & Sycamore, is open to the public on weekends. The rate is **\$2.00** per car.

The Chiquita Center Garage is conveniently located on the northwest corner of Fifth & Sycamore Streets. Members must show a current 2001-2002 Scottish Rite dues card to take advantage of the special rate of **\$2.00** per car.



Announcing

**THE GRAND MASTER'S ONE-DAY CLASS
And
The 149th ANNUAL REUNION**

The Ill. William R. Powers, Jr., 33° Class

Saturday, April 27, 2002

Schedule

6:30 a.m.	Registration	12:00 Noon	Luncheon
8:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies	1:00 p.m.	Master Mason Degree
8:30 a.m.	Entered Apprentice Degree	4:00 p.m.	32°
10:30 a.m.	Fellowcraft Degree	6:30 p.m.	32° Banquet
	8:00 p.m.	Shrine Ceremonial	

IMPORTANT!

Tickets (by advance sale only **beginning April 1**) required for Luncheon & 32° Banquet. Tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door.

Reunion Parking

For the convenience of members attending the Grand Master's One-Day Class and the 149th Annual Reunion of the Valley of Cincinnati, special arrangements have been made with the Chiquita Center Parking Garage on the northwest corner of Fifth & Sycamore Streets. Members may park all day on Saturday, April 27, 2002 for only \$2.00 per car. Members must show a current 2001-2002 dues card to take advantage of the special rate.

Parking is also available at the Proctor & Gamble Garage located on Sixth Street between Broadway & Sycamore Streets, one block north of the Cincinnati Masonic Center. The garage is open to the public all day Saturday. The rate is \$2.00 per car.

Spring Reunion Ticket Order Form

Please place the following ticket order for banquets at the 149th Annual Reunion.
Limit: **one ticket per meal per member.**

Place a check mark beside each meal you are ordering.

_____ Luncheon, Saturday, April 27, 12:00 Noon @ \$5.00

_____ 32° Banquet, Saturday, April 27, 6:30 P.M. @ \$5.00

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Print Name _____

Tickets sold by **mail order only**. No over-the-counter sales.

Ticket sale subject to availability.

Send check payable to **Valley of Cincinnati** together with this form and a **self-addressed, stamped envelope** for return of tickets to:

Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
317 East Fifth Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202-3399

Please Note! Mail orders received without stamped envelope will be held for pick-up on day of reunion.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Thursday, May 9, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

in the

Scottish Rite Cathedral

Good Cheer

To comfort our distressed worthy brethren is a duty incumbent on all Masons. The following is a list of Scottish Rite members who are known to be hospitalized or have been recuperating at home or residing in a nursing home. Please take a moment to send a note or card to give encouragement and cheer.

Recuperating at Home

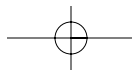
Elwood C. Black, 33°
3177 Dickinson Road
Cincinnati, OH 45211

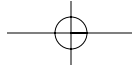
Roy Earls
4071 Mefford Lane
Cincinnati, OH 45241

Ralph E. Martin
8045 Woodlark Lane
West Chester, OH 45069

Herb L. Kern
3916 Springoak Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45248

Scottish Rite members are asked to advise the office of brethren who are ill or hospitalized by calling 421-3579 (local) or 1-800-561-3579 (long distance) or by writing to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, 317 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202-3399.





SCOTTISH RITE SPORT FISHING TRIP AT LAKE MICHIGAN

Saturday & Sunday
June 22 & 23, 2002

\$165.00 Per Person

Package Includes:

- Hotel Accomodations
(2 Men per room)
- Buffet Dinner & Breakfast
- Boat Charter & Guide



Limited to 30 Participants
Reservation Deadline – May 31, 2002

SCOTTISH RITE FISHING TRIP REGISTRATION FORM

Yes! Count me in for the Scottish Rite Sport Fishing Trip on June 22 & 23, 2002, at Lake Michigan.

Name _____

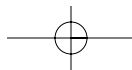
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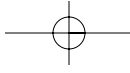
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

I have enclosed my check in the amount of \$165.00 payable to the *Valley of Cincinnati* to confirm my reservation.

Important! No cancellations after May 31, 2002





In Memoriam

Gordon E. Price.....	November 11, 1999
Leroy Price.....	February 19, 2002
William R. Albright.....	February 20, 2002
William Combs.....	February 20, 2002
Marshall J. Barber.....	N/A
Warren A. Chappellear.....	N/A
Roy N. Utley.....	N/A
Joe E. Brewer.....	February 21, 2002
Harold L. Branham.....	February 22, 2002
Kenneth B. Ater.....	February 23, 2002
Cleo C. Redkey.....	February 24, 2002
Russell L. Viebrooks, Sr.....	February 24, 2002
Robert T. McMahan.....	February 25, 2002
James E. Reynolds.....	February 26, 2002
Marvin E. Mitchell.....	January 13, 2002
Leo S. Samad, Sr.....	February 28, 2002
Harold R. Findley.....	March 1, 2002
Louis Aronoff.....	March 2, 2002
John W. Pinkerton, Jr.....	March 3, 2002
William E. Buckley.....	March 3, 2002
Norman C. Meyer.....	March 3, 2002
Delbert A. Adams.....	March 5, 2002
Leroy M. Rutenschroer.....	March 7, 2002
Erwin R. Gaul.....	March 7, 2002
Arris G. Saks.....	March 8, 2002
Gerald E. Martin.....	March 9, 2002
Delano R. Chambers.....	March 9, 2002
Donald O. Spaulding.....	March 10, 2002
Warren S. Mann.....	December 19, 2001
Gene A. Berry.....	March 6, 2002
Kenneth P. Casey.....	March 13, 2002
Earl J. Barbour.....	March 15, 2002
Saul Skurow.....	March 15, 2002
Frederick A. Metze.....	March 15, 2002
Hubert W. Peelle.....	March 17, 2002
Dale A. Phillips.....	March 18, 2002

Rite Recorder Receives Recognition by Supreme Council

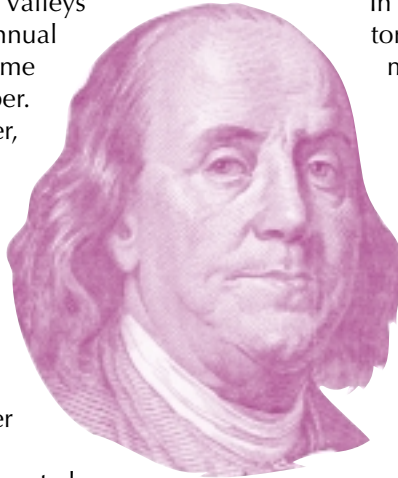
In recognition of excellence in publications, the Supreme Council instituted the "Brother Franklin Award" which is awarded to Valleys each year at the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in September.

This past September, the *Rite Recorder*, the official publication of the Valley of Cincinnati received this prestigious award for Honorable Mention in Category V (valleys with membership over 6,500).

The award was presented to the Editor, Donald W. Owens by Ill. Chester G. Burton, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council, together

with Ill. Harry C. Carpenter, 33°, Executive Secretary of the Valley of Cincinnati during the Fall Reunion in November.

In receiving the award, Editor Owens remarked that many layout changes were made to improve and modernize the look and feel of the *Rite Recorder*, which apparently were well received by the Brother Franklin Award judges. He thanked the members of the 12,000-member Valley of Cincinnati, and thanked Secretary Carpenter, the former Editor of the *Rite Recorder* for the excellent groundwork laid in the publication over the years.



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Scottish Rite Masons Kick Off 2002 Annual Family Life Program

The Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Cincinnati have officially kicked off the 2002 Family Life Program—a year-long series of activities celebrating the importance of the family.

The Family Life Program is an annual event and a long-time tradition for the Scottish Rite Masons. Activities will take place throughout the year.

This year's theme, "Family Life: America's Greatest Treasure," highlights the significance of family life as a source of strength and hope.

"As we celebrate family life and reinforce our individual commitment to our families, we strengthen our communi-

ties and our nation. Family life forms the foundation of our lives," said Family Life Chairman Terry B. Meyers, 33°.

The Valley of Cincinnati is one of 102 geographical units of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, a 300,000 member organization in a 15-state region.

Over the years, the Scottish Rite has made significant charitable contributions in support of several important causes including schizophrenia research, higher education, historical preservation and children's learning disabilities.

How To Reach Us

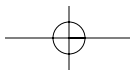
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aasr@rite32.org

Mail
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Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
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Cincinnati, OH 45202-3399



Ill.: Robert Kurt McCurdy, 33°

Born in Portsmouth, Ohio October 3, 1925
Died in Portsmouth, Ohio November 20, 2001



Ill.: Robert Kurt McCurdy, 33°, retired attorney-at-law and community leader, died on November 20, 2001 after a lengthy illness. His death brings to a

close an outstanding and distinguished career.

Robert McCurdy was born in Portsmouth, Ohio on October 3, 1925, the son of Russell Kendall McCurdy and Catherine Cassidy McCurdy.

He began his education as a student in the Portsmouth City Schools. Following graduation from high school, he then matriculated in Ohio Wesleyan University from which he was graduated in 1947 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He continued his education at The University of Cincinnati College of Law and received a Juris Doctor degree in 1950.

He was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1941 and entered the practice of law in Portsmouth.

During World War II he saw active service in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946. Upon discharge he had attained the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade.

At the conclusion of the war he returned to the practice of law in

Portsmouth and for many years was a partner with the firm of Bannon, Howland, McCurdy, Dever and Mearan.

On July 15, 1951 at Big Prairie, Ohio he married Sue Ann Basquin and they had two children, Kurt Rasquin McCurdy and Mollie Ann McCurdy. He is also survived by six grandchildren.

Ill.: Brother McCurdy was raised a Master Mason in Aurora Lodge No. 48 in Portsmouth, Ohio. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Cincinnati in the Spring Class of 1957. He also held membership in the York Rite. He was exalted in Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 23, R.A.M. on November 8, 1954; greeted in Solomon Council No. 79, R. & S.M. on January 17, 1955; and knighted in Calvary Commandery No. 13, K.T. on March 25, 1974.

He was a Past President of the Scioto County Scottish Rite Club and served as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple Company of Portsmouth, Ohio for twenty-five years.

In recognition of his distinguished service to Freemasonry and to the community he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, on September 26, 1979 in Chicago, Illinois.

His activities in the community were numerous. He served as Special Counsel,

Ohio Attorney General from 1951-1957 and 1976-1978. He was a member of the Portsmouth Board of Health from 1962-1967. He served as President of the Portsmouth Rotary Club; President of the Portsmouth Y.M.C.A.; President of the Portsmouth Bar and Law Library Association. He was a member of the Kentucky and American Bar Associations, American Trial Lawyers Association, and American Society of Hospital Attorneys.

Ill.: Brother McCurdy was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Portsmouth for many years where he served as Chairman of the Administrative Board and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He later became a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Portsmouth.

Memorial services were held at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Marco Island, Florida on November 26, 2001 and at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Portsmouth, Ohio on December 1, 2001. Private graveside services were conducted on December 1, 2001 at the Old Wheelersburg Cemetery in Wheelersburg, Ohio.

Harry C. Carpenter, 33°

William E. Rathman, 33°

Howard H. Harcha, Jr.

New Promotional Pamphlet Now Available

The first Scottish Rite promotional pamphlet published in a number of years is now available for lodges and individuals. The pamphlet, entitled, "A Matter of Degree" and subtitled, "How to become a 32nd Degree Mason" is a very attractive, full color professionally produced brochure that is designed to attract men of the modern day.

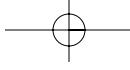
The easy to read text answers such questions as why to become a 32° Mason, how long does it take, and is

there any memorization required. It outlines the degree structure, and gives a brief history of the growth of the Rite.

The four major charitable efforts of the Supreme Council are listed, and the Family Life Program that each valley annually sponsors is mentioned.

To obtain copies of this excellent publication, contact the Scottish Rite office at 513-421-3579, or 1-800-561-3579 (toll free long distance).





OFFICIAL NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

The Four Coordinate Bodies of the Valley of Cincinnati Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

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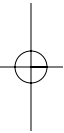
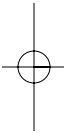
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