



Ill.: Chester G. Burton, 33° Receives Supreme Council Appointment



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The appointment of Chester G. Burton, 33° as Grand Keeper of the Archives was announced at the recent Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, N.M.J. by Walter E. Webber, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander. This prestigious appointment is a compliment to Illustrious Brother Burton and reflects the esteem in which he is held by his colleagues at the Supreme Council.

The Grand Keeper of the

Archives is responsible for the organization, proper storage and preservation of the archives of the Supreme Council. According to the Supreme Council *Constitutions* he is charged with all documents and things "entrusted to him by vote of the Supreme Council, or by deposit of any of the Grand Officers."

Illustrious Brother Burton was elected an Active Member of the Supreme Council on September 20, 1997. Through his remarkable drive and enthusiasm he has energized the Valley of Cincinnati to new heights of achievement. His emphasis on team building has attracted new, young talent to the organization and resulted in progressive and innovative leadership.

He is a man of many dimensions. A graduate of Union College with a Mas-

ters Degree in Biology from Vanderbilt University, Illustrious Brother Burton served on the faculty at Finneytown High School for twenty-five years. After retirement from the Finneytown School System he was invited to join the faculty of Ursuline Academy, a private school for girls in Blue Ash where he teaches biology and chemistry. In addition to his academic responsibilities he is a partner in an automotive care center.

When he was named Faculty Member of the Year at Ursuline Academy, a student wrote, "He continually shows a lot of character, optimism, a love for his job, and most importantly, a great care for all his students." The same description could well apply to his work in the Valley of Cincinnati.

Christmas Cathedral Hour December 5, 2004

Continuing a 60-year tradition, Carl L. Wilson, Most Wise Master of Cincinnati Chapter of Rose Croix, announced that the Scottish Rite Christmas Cathedral Hour Service will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2004. "The Cathedral Hour Worship Series holds a special place in the hearts of our

Masonic community and it gives us much pleasure to present this outstanding service of worship for all Masons, their families and friends during this holy time of year," remarked Wilson. Speaking on behalf of the entire Scottish Rite organization, Wilson continued, "We all need a break from the

rush and commercialism of the holiday season to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and our Cathedral Hour service provides a unique worship opportunity not to be missed."

The Valley of Cincinnati is pleased to welcome to the pulpit the Reverend Robert

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- Dec 9 Stated Meeting
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- Dec 20 First Masonic District Officers Assoc. Grand Master's Visitation
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- Jan 23 Classical Music Concert
- Feb 10 Mid-Winter Degree Program Cincinnati Featuring 20°
- Feb 19 Mid-Winter Degree Program Hillsboro Featuring 8° & 20°
- Mar 19 Family Program
- Mar 20 Easter Season Cathedral Hour
- Apr 9 The Grand Master's Class Symbolic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine
- Apr 16 152nd Annual Reunion The Illustrious Wayne F. White, 33° Memorial Class
- May 12 Annual Meeting
- May 15 Installation of Officers

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Winter Wonderland Dance



The social highlight of the winter season occurs on January 22 when the Valley of Cincinnati presents the popular Winter Wonderland Dance. A fixture on the Scottish Rite calendar for more than 30 years, the event consistently attracts large crowds.

Event chairman Bradley J. Powers recently stated, "Many of our patrons have been coming to the dance for years which we appreciate very much." He also went on to cite the continuing appeal of the dance. "It is very encouraging to see more and more young couples on the

dance floor which is not really surprising considering that the Big Band sound appeals to people of all ages."

Back by popular demand is *The Smittie Orchestra*, which has almost become a fixture at these dances. Also a big hit is the complimentary buffet that is served at 10:00 p.m.

The easiest way to purchase tickets is by mail. Use the order form in this issue of the *Rite Recorder* and be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of tickets.

Tickets are on sale now by mail only. Any tickets remaining will be sold over-the-counter, as well as by mail, beginning January 3. The all-inclusive ticket price is only \$10.00 per person for a fun-filled evening of snacks, beverages, dancing and the buffet.

Important! Due to the popularity of the Winter Wonderland Dance, tickets will be sold to members only, limit of four tickets per member and subject to availability. We regret that we cannot accept phone orders.

The Winter Wonderland Dance begins at 8:00 p.m. Seating for the event is by general admission and the doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

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K. Denny, retired Pastor of the White Oak Presbyterian Church. Since his retirement in 1996 after serving the White Oak congregation for thirty years, Reverend Denny has accepted a number of temporary assignments, most recently with the Providence Presbyterian Church. His sermon topic on December 5 will be *Let's Keep Christmas*, a variation on a sermon by Peter Marshall.

The Cathedral Hour service will be greatly enhanced by the fifty-voice Scottish Rite Cathedral Choir under the direction of Edward F. Howard, 33° and accompanied by Brent W. Ludwick, 33°, Organist. Choral anthems selected for this service include, *Mary, Did You Know?*, by Mark Lowry and Buddy Green arranged for mixed chorus by Edward F. Howard, 33° and *Led by the Light* with

words and music by Lowell Alexander.

A selection of religious and seasonal music will also be performed one half hour prior to the service by Eugene Ostenkamp, Associate Organist.

The non-denominational service, which is open to the public, is held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral located in the Cincinnati Masonic Center, 317 East Fifth Street. The program begins at 3:30 p.m. with seating starting at 2:00 P.M.

Special discount parking is available to Scottish Rite members at the Chiquita Center Garage located on the northwest corner of Fifth & Sycamore. (Entrances on Sycamore and Fifth Streets—look for Scottish Rite parking signs.) The rate is only \$3.00 for members showing a current 2004-2005 dues card.

Grand Master's Visitation December 20, 2004



M.W. & Ill. Jim Deyo, 33°

The annual visitation of the Grand Master to the First Masonic District and the Valley of Cincinnati is scheduled for Monday, December 20, 2004. The event is in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the First Masonic District Officers Association.

Most Worshipful and Illustrious Brother Jim S. Deyo, 33°, is this year's Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, hav-

ing been elected at the recent Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio held in October. Most Worshipful Brother Deyo has held an office in Masonry for 42 consecutive years of the 43 years he has been a member of the Masonic Fraternity. A banking professional, he has served numerous treasurer and trustee positions for the Ohio Masonic Home, Children's Learning Centers, Grand Lodge Scholarship Foundation, and Ohio Council of Deliberation as well as many other Masonic organizations.

Most Worshipful Brother Deyo is a Past Master, and a member of all York Rite bodies and the Shrine. He served as Sovereign Prince of Franklin Council, Princes of Jerusalem in Columbus, and was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, in

Cincinnati, Ohio, in September, 1986 and elected an Active Member of the Supreme Council in Grand Rapids, Michigan in September, 1997. He was appointed Grand Marshal General of the Supreme Council in September, 2001, and elected to this position for three years in 2002.

The visitation by the Grand Master will be attended by Masons throughout the Greater Cincinnati area. The facilities of the Cincinnati Masonic Center are provided courtesy of the Valley of Cincinnati. The schedule for the event calls for dinner at 6:15 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Ballroom followed by an abbreviated business meeting at 7:30 p.m. The highlight of the evening will be the address by the Grand Master.

Advance reservations at \$8.00 per person are required and should be made through the First Masonic District Officers Association. For reservations call Charles Marrs, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Association at 385-8922. Please note that the Scottish Rite office cannot accept reservations for this event.

Ill. Michael A. Himes, 33° Elected Sr. Grand Warden



R.W. & Ill. Michael A. Himes,

Right Worshipful and Illustrious Brother Michael A. Himes, 33°, was elected Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio at the recent Grand Lodge Communication held this past October, thus holding the third highest office in Ohio Freemasonry.

Right Worshipful Brother Himes has been a stalwart supporter of all branches of Freemasonry. He is a Past Master,

and has served as President of the First Masonic District Officers Association. He has served the Grand Lodge of Ohio as a District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District. He has served all three York Rite bodies as presiding officer, and recently was inducted into Ohio Priory, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. He has served as ceremonial director for Syrian Temple Shrine and is a Past Patron of Eastern Star. Additionally, he holds numerous other Masonic affiliations.

In the Valley of Cincinnati, Ill. Brother Himes served as Sovereign Prince of Dalcho Council, Princes of Jerusalem. He has been seen in virtually every degree of the Scottish Rite, and is known as one of the busiest and most sought after performers in the degrees. For his outstanding service to the Craft, he was recognized by the Supreme Council, having received the Thirty-third Degree.

Good Cheer

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 retirement center. Please take a moment to send a note or card to give encouragement and cheer.

Recuperating at Home

Oliver K. Cobb, M.S.A.
91 Township Rd. 1244
Proctorville, OH 45669-8727

Robert F. Samad
5236 Huber Trace Ct.
Fairfield, OH 45014-3262

Retirement Community

Chester H. Basham, M.S.A.
Riverview Community Rm. #322
5999 Bender Road
Cincinnati, OH 45233

One-Day Grand Master's Class Set for 2005

Saturday, April 9, 2005 is the date set aside for the one-day Grand Master's Class. On this day, the three Symbolic Lodge degrees will be conferred, followed by the Thirty-second Degree of the Scottish Rite. The Shrine Ceremonial will then follow. The event will take place in the Taft Theatre, adjacent to the Cincinnati Masonic Center.

The Grand Master's Class is a state-wide event, which will occur simultaneously in eleven locations across Ohio.

Newly published by the Grand Lodge is an attractive, full-color brochure giving a brief explanation of Freemasonry, which also includes a petition allowing one to sign up for Symbolic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine, all three York Rite bodies and the Order of the Eastern Star. All this on a single form! It couldn't be simpler, and is an excellent opportunity for each of us to take advantage of this event to build our membership in all the Masonic affiliated bodies.

Scottish Rite membership fees for this event will be reduced to \$100. The Valley of Cincinnati will confer additional degrees the following Saturday, April 16, 2005. Degrees expected to be conferred on this date are the 4°, 14°, 15° and 18°.

Detailed information will appear in the *Rite Recorder* as the event draws near. All members are encouraged to set this day aside, and to begin now to secure petitions for what is sure to be a spectacular event for Freemasonry in Ohio.

County News Highlights— Highland County

Blood Drive Successful



The Highland County Scottish Rite Club and its co-sponsor, Kroger conducted another successful blood drive on October 4, 2004.

Fifty-eight donations were made and Hoxworth officials indicated that this was exceptional for a small community. The club thanks Kroger for their cooperation in supplying refreshments and food for the donors

and workers. Many thanks also to the Hi-Tech Center for the use of their facility, to all those that helped with the drive and especially to the donors for their gift of life-saving blood. Pictured above from left to right are club members Dan Ludwick, Ron Turpin, Orland Willis, and Hoxworth Blood Supervisor Gary Woebkenberg.

Highland County Members Doing Good Deeds

Over twenty members of the Highland County Scottish Rite Club gathered on Monday, June 21, 2004 at Rocky Fork Lake campground near Hillsboro to assist at "Camp Dove-tail," which is a special campout for children with disabilities.

The camp is a week-long event involving over 300 handicapped children. Each child has an assistant to help them through the daily activities.

The county club members assisted by serving food to the large group. The camp staff complimented the club members for their enthusiasm and professional manner in handling the event. "Camp Dovetail" has become an annual event for members of the Highland County Club, who say the joy they see on the faces of the children is the reward they receive for their efforts.

In Memoriam

Donald R. McLean	September 20, 2004
Dennis E. Sexton	September 24, 2004
Willie R. Dowers	September 30, 2004
Herbert J. Bley	October 2, 2004
Robert W. Prewitt, M.S.A.	October 6, 2004
Jerry D. Slagle	October 6, 2004
William L. Moore	October 7, 2004
Charles O. Burgess	October 10, 2004
Edwin L. Dean	October 10, 2004
James L. Young	October 10, 2004
Walter E. Bailey	November 7, 2003
Oliver J. Cron	March 1, 2004
James L. Cheek	April 12, 2004
David L. Boothby	April 17, 2004
Charles G. Dils	October 3, 2004
Gerald L. Hodge	October 10, 2004
Clifford R. Fenner	October 11, 2004
Richard B. Gardner	October 12, 2004
George E. Bennett	October 14, 2004
Carroll E. Ellis	October 14, 2004
Thomas R. Ralston	October 16, 2004
Foster L. Davis	October 18, 2004
Hubert M. Morton	October 18, 2004
Roger L. Bender	October 19, 2004
Robert A. Coleman	October 20, 2004
Hughie P. Hammock	October 20, 2004
Murl H. Rush	October 20, 2004
William D. Victor	October 20, 2004
William A. Vonderhaar	September 9, 2002
Charles W. Keller	December 27, 2003
James W. Bryant	October 21, 2004
Herschel Cohn	October 22, 2004
James R. Sweetman	October 23, 2004
James R. Dibowski	October 24, 2004
Leslie L. Stauffer	October 27, 2004
Frank R. Summers	October 28, 2004
Daniel W. McDavid	October 29, 2004
Ova Mullins	October 29, 2004
William R. Sharp	October 29, 2004
Voris Cloyd, Jr.	November 1, 2004
Paul Back	November 4, 2004
Edward J. Kirk	November 5, 2004
Claude A. Maddux	November 5, 2004
Bryant L. Nichols	November 5, 2004
David E. Shumaker	November 7, 2004
Clarence H. Smith	November 10, 2004
Lawrence E. Dixon	November 11, 2004
George R. Mayhew	November 13, 2004
Burnis R. Buntain	November 14, 2004
Charles R. McKinniss	November 15, 2004

Scottish Rite

Christmas Season Cathedral Hour

Sunday, December 5, 2004
3:30 p.m.

Cincinnati Masonic Center
317 East Fifth Street

Guest Speaker
Reverend Robert K. Denny
Pastor (Retired) - White Oak Presbyterian Church

Music by
The Scottish Rite Cathedral Choir
Edward F. Howard, 33°, Director of Music
Brent W. Ludwick, 33°, Organist

Special discount parking available to Scottish Rite Members
Chiquita Center Parking Garage, 5th & Sycamore

Local Masonic Leaders Are Honored



Local area Freemasons were among a group of 129 selected to receive the Thirty-third Degree, the highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The ceremony took place recently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin during the annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council. The degree is awarded for outstanding service to Freemasonry or for significant contributions to humanity that reflect credit upon the fraternity. The

2004 recipients were chosen from 15 northeastern and midwestern states that comprise the 250,000 member Northern Jurisdiction of the United States.

Those from the Cincinnati, Ohio area were (left to right):

(Front Row) J. Randolph Clark, Clergyman; R. Gregory Graham, Retired Vice President, Customer Relations of C. G. & E.

(Back Row) Lloyd R. Naylor II, Farmer; Timothy O. Ralston, Civil Engineer, Ohio Department of Transportation; Thomas R. Schuck, Attorney; Joseph I. Sykes Jr., Township Trustee.



Classical Music Concert January 23

The Valley of Cincinnati will again offer a new direction in programming with a Sunday afternoon classical music concert in the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The concert will feature Rachel Lee, an astounding young American violin virtuoso. The concert, which is billed as a family oriented recital, is scheduled for Sunday, January 23, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

The concert is being sponsored by the Valley of Cincinnati and the Matinee

Musale, a prominent music society which has presented concerts for ninety-four years. The group is renowned locally for its music series that features outstanding classical artists.

After a captivating debut last season by the Matinee Musale series, Rachel Lee returns by popular demand to perform at the second annual Classical Music Concert of the Valley of Cincinnati.

The Scottish Rite Cathedral provides excellent acoustics and an ideal setting

for chamber music. Recognized as one of the finest concert venues in Cincinnati, it provides listeners with an intimacy critical to the enjoyment of chamber music.

Tickets for the concert are free to 32° Masons and their guests and must be ordered in advance or picked up in the Scottish Rite office. To order by mail use the concert coupon in this issue and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of tickets.

Rite Recorder Returns as a Monthly Publication



III. Donald W. Owens, 33°
Editor, Rite Recorder

After a year of publishing the *Rite Recorder* bi-monthly, I am pleased to report that we will now return to a monthly publication. The economic crunch of the past few years that hit

everyone, including the Valley of Cincinnati, instigated the Board of Trustees to look at ways to reduce our operating expenses. As a result, the decision was made to publish bi-monthly rather than monthly.

After a year of evaluating this new publishing schedule, it was felt that the membership would be better informed and best served by a monthly publication. Therefore, the Board recently made the decision to return to the monthly format, ten issues per year, with none published in July or August. However, there is a slight tradeoff. To keep costs down while increasing the number of issues, the *Rite Recorder* will now be published in a single color,

rather than the two-color format that has been used over the years.

We at the *Rite Recorder* always strive for a professional, informative and attractive publication that the membership will enjoy reading. I am pleased and honored that our valley's publication has received "Honorable Mention" for the prestigious *Ben Franklin Award for Excellence in Publications* by the Supreme Council for each of the five years I have been the editor. We will always strive to produce a first class publication. I would appreciate any comments you have concerning the *Rite Recorder*. You can email me at: RiteRecorder@pobox.com.

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Cincinnati, OH 45202-3399

Here is my check for \$_____ at \$10.00 Per Person
Please send _____ tickets for the Winter Wonderland Dance. **Limit 4**

Winter Wonderland Dance

January 22, 2005

Please Print Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____

MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN January 14, 2005
Send check payable to **Valley of Cincinnati** and self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of tickets to: Scottish Rite Winter Wonderland Dance
317 East Fifth Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

January 22nd

Please send _____ free tickets to the Scottish Rite Classical Music Concert featuring violinist Rachel Lee.

Classical Music Concert

Sunday, January 23, 2005
2:00 P.M.

Please Print Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____

Send this form and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of tickets to:

Scottish Rite Classical Music Concert
317 East Fifth Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

January 23rd

Swarovski Crystal Teddy Bear Tac Pin



Swarovski, the maker of fine crystal collectables, has produced exclusively for the Scottish Rite and the 32° Children's Learning Centers, a beautiful crystal teddy bear tac pin. The teddy bear is the official logo of the Children's Learning Centers, and your purchase of these

pins will financially benefit the Children's Learning Center in Cincinnati. Use the handy order form below to

make your purchase through Joe and Marti Blanc.

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