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Winter Wonderland Dance January 26

The social highlight of the winter season occurs on January 26 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.

Robert W. Dumford, Commander-in-Chief of Ohio Consistory, the event chairman, 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 which 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 2**. The all-inclusive ticket price is only \$5.00 per person.

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.

Mid-Winter Degree Program February 23

The highly successful premiere of the unique and exciting Mid-Winter Degree Program held last year will be repeated again this year, the Presiding Officers of the Valley Cincinnati recently announced. This year, the event will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2002, and will again feature two degree conferrals.

The 9th Degree, *Master Elect of Nine*, kicks off the event in the morning. Following a membership luncheon, the 20th Degree, *Master ad Vitam*, commonly referred to

as the "George Washington Degree", will be presented in the Scottish Rite Cathedral at the Cincinnati Masonic Center, 317 East Fifth Street.

Intended to allow members to witness two degrees in a single day, this recently established event saves an evening out, while at the same time enjoying the fellowship that always abounds at Scottish Rite events. Members should bring their Scottish Rite Passports to have them stamped at the conclusion of the degree conferrals.

Included in this issue of

the *Rite Recorder* is a handy coupon for the Mid-Winter Degree Program luncheon, provided at a nominal cost of \$5.00 per person. Deadline for reservations is February 15. Tickets are available for pick-up the morning of the event in Founder's Hall.

Convenient parking is available at both the Proctor & Gamble Garage, and the Chiquita Center Garage, both one block from the Masonic Center. Special rates for Scottish Rite members are available at the Chiquita Center Garage only.

Calendar of Events

- Dec 13 Stated Meeting
- Dec 21 *Home for the Holidays*
Taft Theatre
- Jan 20 Travelogue
High Country Adventure
- Jan 21 First Masonic District
Officers Assoc.
(AASR Host)
- Jan 26 Winter Wonderland
Dance
- Feb 23 Mid Winter Degree
Program
9° & 20°
- Mar 2 Father/Son &
Daughter
Program
- Mar 10 Travelogue
- Mar 24 Easter Cathedral
Hour
- Apr 27 149th Annual
Reunion
- May 9 Annual Meeting
Installation of
Officers
- June 7 Ohio Council of
& 8 Deliberation
105th Annual
Meeting

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Revised Travelogue Series Premieres January 20



The long-running Travelogue Series, sponsored by the Valley of Cincinnati, has been revised, with a new film company being contracted to present a new series of films and destinations. The series, which has a loyal following of members of the Valley of Cincinnati, will premiere its first show on Sunday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

The show will be "High Country Adventure", which begins in the mountains of the northern Yukon near the Alaskan border. Watch as the huge porcupine caribou herd sweeps across the tundra during its annual migration.

What's it like to be stalked by a grizzly? Find out as the huge bear comes within twenty-five feet of the camera. Join the people of the Indian village of Old Crow for a moose meat cookout.

Experience the weather and wildlife of the mountain tundra; from the long tailed joggers and ptarmigans to ground squirrels and grizzlies, the tundra is alive with

wild creatures and glorious plant life.

Moving on to the Rocky Mountains, spend winter up in the clouds. Climb a sheer ice mountain—a mountain that is really a waterfall frozen solid by extreme temperatures.

Tweedsmuir Park and Lonesome Lake are the destination of trumpeter swans who fly in on the ice waiting to be fed. Watch as mountain sheep graze on the snowy slopes. Autumn is a time of high energy and incredible beauty in the mountains. Glide over the Rockies' peaks in a high performance sailplane. Hang in a balloon basket in a still dawn air and drift over the rolling foothills.

Come up to the adventure of high country life, a life that can be dangerous, as well as exciting. Take part in a mountain rescue while clinging to a sheer rock cliff. The excitement and beauty are all a part of "High Country Adventure", a journey filmed and narrated by cinematographer and naturalist, John Wilson.

The travelogues are approximately two hours in length, which includes an intermission where the officers of Dalcho Council, Princes of Jerusalem will serve cookies and punch. Take time out during the cold winter months to enjoy the warm atmosphere and hospitality at the Cincinnati Masonic Center, as John Wilson takes you on a *High Country Adventure*.

Grand Master's Visitation Jan. 21

The official visitation of Most Worshipful Brother Thomas E. Reynolds, 33°, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio to the First Masonic District Officers Association meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 21, 2002, and is hosted by the Valley of Cincinnati. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

This visitation is an annual tradition, and well attended by members of the First Masonic District, as well as many members throughout the Valley of Cincinnati. A delicious dinner precedes the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Business of the

Association is kept to a minimum, to provide time for the message delivered by our Grand Master.

The Grand Master's message should prove interesting and inspiring, as he promotes the Grand Master's One-Day Class. Many innovative new concepts are being developed by the Grand Lodge to assure the future success of Freemasonry. Please note that reservations for the dinner should be made through your lodge Worshipful Master. The Scottish Rite office cannot accept dinner reservations.

Grand Master's One-Day Class Set For April 27, 2002

For the first time in Ohio, candidates can receive all three degrees in Symbolic Masonry in one day, the result of legislation passed by the Grand Lodge in October.

Grand Master Thomas E. Reynolds, 33°, announced that on Saturday, April 27, 2002, the Grand Master's One-Day Class will be presented at ten locations in Ohio.

All three degrees will be conferred, and most regular proficiency requirements will be waived. Teams of exceptional ritualists will be recruited at all locations to portray the work, and each candidate will be assigned a mentor. Normal initiation fees will be paid to lodges, which must investigate and ballot on their own candidates.

Grand Master Reynolds stated, "This is the opportunity for men to join the Masonic Fraternity who in the past have not been able to find the time, or who may have been fearful of examinations after each degree. It is the perfect time

for service men to petition."

The Grand Master urges Masons to use this opportunity to encourage their sons and grandsons to join the fraternity. He recommends that a personal contact be made with each individual who has previously taken the Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft degrees and offer them the opportunity to complete their work by participating in this Grand Master's One-Day Class.

The Grand Master's One-Day Class will take place simultaneously in Masonic complexes in Akron, Cambridge, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Steubenville, Toledo and Youngstown. Immediately following the conferral of the three Symbolic Degrees, candidates also have the opportunity to receive the Thirty-second Degree and become members of the Scottish Rite before leaving the complex.

Additional details will appear in future editions of the *Rite Recorder*.

In Memoriam

Adrian J. French, 33°Oct. 28, 2001

Alfred F. Porter, 33°Nov. 8, 2001

Charles L. SchmidtAug. 18, 2001

Elmer E. LandenSept. 10, 2001

Gerald O. BurskeOct. 14, 2001

Leo D. TaylorOct. 16, 2001

William F. Kleeman, Jr.Oct. 16, 2001

Harold E. Cummings, Jr.Oct. 20, 2001

Charles E. IngramOct. 20, 2001

Raymond D. HunterOct. 23, 2001

Francis G. WeisOct. 21, 2001

Edgar H. HuntOct. 24, 2001

James J. Jobe, Sr.Oct. 26, 2001

Arthur A. SmithOct. 29, 2001

Arthur E. BaylessOct. 30, 2001

Alva W. HillOct. 31, 2001

Everet P. FradyN/A

Walter F. SteidleN/A

James W. KeeseeNov. 7, 2001

Gregory L. ErtelNov. 7, 2001

Donald R. HamiltonNov. 9, 2001

George E. SilverNov. 12, 2001

Carl HunsickerNov. 13, 2001

Leo H. CashNov. 14, 2001

Earl GoinsNov. 14, 2001

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

Roland E. Kyle
5626 Ridge Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45213

Here is my check for \$_____ at \$5.00 Per Person

Please send _____ tickets for the Winter Wonderland Dance. **Limit 4**

Winter Wonderland Dance

January 26, 2002

Please Print Name _____

MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN **January 18, 2002**

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 26th

Here is my check for \$_____ at \$5.00 Per Person

Please send _____ tickets for the Mid-Winter Degree Program Luncheon.

Mid-Winter Degree Program Luncheon

February 23, 2002 - 12:00 Noon

Please Print Name _____

MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE NOON **February 18, 2002**

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317 East Fifth Street,
Cincinnati, OH 45202

February 23rd

Local Masonic Leaders Honored

Local area Freemasons were among a group from around the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction selected to receive the Thirty-third Degree, the highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The ceremony took place recently in Indianapolis, Indiana 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 2001 recipients were chosen from fifteen northeastern and midwestern states that comprise the 300,000 member Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. Those from the Valley of Cincinnati were (left to right): Robert S. Callahan, 33°, President, Victory Railway Company; Dan Meyer, 33°, Commercial Real Estate Broker/Lawyer; David L. Moreton, Sr., 33°, Manufacturing Specialist; and William G. Walker, 33°, Retired Maintenance Supervisor.



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