



Program on January 19 Inaugurates 150th Anniversary Year

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Valley of Cincinnati will reach a significant milestone in 2003 with the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of its founding. A series of special events is planned throughout the year to mark this achievement and to focus public attention on the impact the organization has had on the community.

The 150th Anniversary celebrations will officially begin on Sunday, January 19, 2003 with an inaugural program at the Cincinnati Masonic Center, headquarters for the 12,500 member Scottish Rite organization. The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will feature an Anniversary Concert by the Scottish Rite Cathedral Choir, a book-signing of the soon-to-be-released history of the Valley of Cincinnati by the

author, Jack P. DeVise, 33° and complimentary refreshments. Members, their families and friends as well as the general public are invited to attend and advance reservations are not required.



The anniversary year's special events, which were outlined in the last issue of the *Rite Recorder*, are more fully described in the brochure to be included with the next issue. Readers will notice that, with

the exception of the spring and fall reunions, all events are open to families and, in many cases, to the general public. The goal of the anniversary celebrations is to reach outside the Fraternity and promote community involvement during this important year.

Richard A. Graeter II, Chairman of the 150th Anniversary Committee, stresses that greater public awareness is a very critical aspect of the celebrations. "Simply holding a party for ourselves would be insular and almost self-defeating. The public needs to be made better aware of who we are and what we represent. The 150th Anniversary offered an ideal opportunity to design events that would help tell our story."

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Mid-Winter Degree Program – 7th and 20th Degrees – Saturday, February 22, 2003

George Washington is as much an icon as an historical figure. Few visages are as easily recognized as that of our first President. Few real individuals have had as much mythology attached to them as the "Indispensable Man". From the tale of the chopped down cherry tree to the silver dollar thrown across the Rappahannock River, the legend is as well known as his victory at Yorktown or his Farewell Address. It has been expounded by historians that had he not existed,

the United States would never have risen to its ultimate pre-eminence among nations.

The myth and the historic character of the "Father of Our Country" come together in the Consistory degree of *Master ad Vitam*, the Twentieth Degree. Following a long tradition in the Valley of Cincinnati, the degree most frequently referred to as the "George Washington Degree", will be presented in February. For many years, the

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Calendar of Events

- Jan 9 Stated Meeting
- Jan 19 **150th Anniversary Kick-Off**
- Jan 20 First Masonic District Officers Association (AASR Host)
- Jan 25 Winter Wonderland Dance
- Feb 1 Rite Rep Meeting
- Feb 13 Stated Meeting
- Feb. 22 Mid-Winter Degree Program
- Mar 13 Stated Meeting
- Mar 15 Family Program Featuring *The Adventures of Peter Rabbit*
- Apr 10 Stated Meeting
- Apr 13 Easter Season Cathedral Hour
- Apr 25 & 26 **150th Anniversary Reunion**
- May 8 Annual Meeting
- May 10 Installation of Officers
- June 6 & 7 Ohio Council of Deliberation 106th Annual Meeting
- June 8 Learning Center Charity Walk-a-thon

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Grand Master to Visit Cincinnati on January 20th



William P. Mayberry, Sr., 33°

Masonic leaders in the First Masonic District are preparing for the official visitation by Most Worshipful William P. Mayberry, Sr., 33°, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio on Monday, January 20, 2003. The event will be attended by Masons throughout the Greater Cincinnati area and is sponsored by the First Masonic District Officers Association. The facilities

of the Cincinnati Masonic Center are provided courtesy of the Scottish Rite.

The current Grand Master has close ties to Cincinnati and a large attendance is expected. "Bill Mayberry has many friends in this area and is widely respected," commented Michael A. Himes, 33°, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. "This is our opportunity to honor one of the truly great Masons of our time."

The schedule for the January 20th programs 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 \$7.00 are required and should be made through the First Masonic District Officers Association not the Scottish Rite. For reservations call Ed McIntyre at (812) 637-0227.

Mid-Winter Degree Program

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Twentieth Degree was the only degree presented in February and was traditionally presented on a Thursday night. With a strong desire to see that more of the degrees of the Rite were presented to the membership, two years ago it was decided to institute a Mid-Winter Degree Program in February consisting of one of the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection and the Degree of *Master ad Vitam*. This year's program will occur on Saturday, February 22, 2003.

Gibulum Lodge of Perfection will present the degree of *Provost and Judge*, the Seventh Degree. The lesson of the Seventh Degree is concerned with justice and mercy. It will be directed by Richard F. Manifold, Sr., the Master-of-Ceremonies of Gibulum Lodge of Perfection.

The Twentieth Degree is under the direction of Thomas R. Heyob, Second Lieutenant Commander of Ohio Consistory. Historical characters come to life in this degree, as a number of famous and infamous leaders of the American War for Independence come together in a Masonic Lodge. The Twentieth Degree teaches the

balance of Masonic brotherhood with justice and culpability for our actions.

The Mid-Winter Degree Program takes place at the Cincinnati Masonic Center. The day begins with coffee and donuts at 9:00 a.m. Gibulum Lodge of Perfection opens and presents the Seventh Degree beginning at 10:00 a.m. A luncheon will be served a 12:00 noon in the Scottish Rite Ballroom. Ohio Consistory convenes at 1:30 p.m. for the Twentieth Degree. The program will be completed by 3:30 p.m. It is hoped that as many members of the Rite as possible will be able to attend. For those who entered the Scottish Rite during the one-day class in April 2002 or at the Fall Reunion, this is an excellent way to grow in Masonic knowledge and increase your circle of friends and brothers.

A ticket for the lunch appears on page 4 of this issue. Reservations may be requested via mail or in person at the Scottish Rite office. All reservations must be made no later than Friday, February 14, 2003. Obviously, this event is open only to Scottish Rite members. Please bring your dues card.

Cincinnati 1853

In just over three score years, Cincinnati had risen from little more than an outpost at the edge of a new nation to the major city west of the Allegheny Mountains. The Queen City of the West had developed into an important city for culture, industry, manufacturing and **fraternity**. With eight Lodges in town and seven more in Hamilton County, Cincinnati was a major center for Freemasonry.

It is not hard then to understand why in December 1852, a delegation of seven eminent Masons from Cincinnati travelled to Columbus to receive the degrees of the Lodge of Perfection and the Princes of Jerusalem. Less than six months later, Gibulum Lodge of Perfection and Dalcho Council, Princes of Jerusalem were instituted. Cincinnati Chapter of Rose Croix and Ohio Consistory followed shortly.

150 years later, there is quite a story to tell. A story about Masonry in Cincinnati prior to 1853, about the founding of the Valley of Cincinnati and about many things which have happened in and to the Valley in the ensuing years.

In honor of this auspicious occasion, **A Magnificent Heritage: 150 Years of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Cincinnati** by Ill. J. Jack P. DeVise, 33° is being published to tell the story of the Valley of Cincinnati and the men who made it. This substantial hardback volume will be a significant addition to the library of any Scottish Rite Mason or anyone with an interest in the history of Cincinnati.

The book may be ordered by mail using the coupon below or in person at the Scottish Rite Office in the Cincinnati Masonic Center. The book is expected to be available January 15, 2003.



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Winter Wonderland Dance – Couples Event of the Winter Season

The 2003 edition of the Winter Wonderland Dance, a 30-plus year tradition, occurs on Saturday, January 25, 2003 in the Scottish Rite Ballroom of the Cincinnati Masonic Center.

The Smittie Orchestra will be providing the evening's music. Many of the regulars at the Winter Wonderland Dance will be very familiar with Smittie's Big Band sounds. Dancing begins at 8 p.m. A sumptuous buffet is served at 10:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased by mail now. Use the order form in this issue of the *Rite Recorder* and be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Any tickets remaining will be sold over-the-counter, as

well as by mail, beginning January 2. Tickets are reasonably priced at \$5.00 per person and cover admission, snacks and the buffet.

Please take note – due to the popularity of the Winter Wonderland Dance, tickets will be sold to members only. There is a **limit of four tickets per member** subject to availability. Unfortunately, the Scottish Rite Office is unable to accept orders by telephone or e-mail.

Seating for the Winter Wonderland is by general admission. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the music starts at 8:00 p.m. Hope to see you out on the floor on January 25th.

Good Cheer

Recuperating at Home

Michael A. Himes, 33°
224 East State Road
Cleves, OH 45002-1354

William G. Walker, 33°
4709 Chalet Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45217-1403

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6295 Woodridge Court
Mason, OH 45040-2617

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Communities
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Winter Wonderland Dance
January 25, 2003

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

MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN January 17, 2003
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317 East Fifth Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

January 25th

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 22, 2003

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

MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN Febuary 14, 2003
Send check payable to **Valley of Cincinnati** and self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of tickets to: Scottish Rite Degree Program Luncheon
317 East Fifth Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

February 22nd

Here is my check for \$ _____ at \$5.00 Per Person
Please send _____ tickets for the Family Program.

Family Program
March 15, 2003

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

MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN March 10, 2003
Send check payable to **Valley of Cincinnati** and self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of tickets to: Scottish Rite Family Program
317 East Fifth Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

March 15th

In Memoriam

- Stanley R. Schrotel, 33°November 6, 2002
- Melville J. SchmidtDecember 2000
- Raymond F. RollerOctober 5, 2002
- George H. Ross, Jr.October 21, 2002
- Richard E. Moehlman.....October 21, 2002
- Vernon E. HolmanOctober 23, 2002
- John TredwayOctober 23, 2002
- Robert R. YoungOctober 24, 2002
- Darwin W. BassOctober 27, 2002
- Wayne B. DouglasOctober 27, 2002
- Wilbur J. WeigelOctober 29, 2002
- Donald E. Carpenter.....November 4, 2002
- Alfred A. FeltsNovember 9, 2002
- Robert J. Haller.....November 9, 2002
- Clarence L. JackobyNovember 9, 2002
- Samuel R. Kerns.....November 10, 2002
- Dunham KingNovember 12, 2002
- Edgar H. Fawley.....November 14, 2002
- Frederick A. DannerNovember 17, 2002
- George A. WagnerNovember 17, 2002
- James T. Richardson.....November 19, 2002
- William A. BuchananNovember 23, 2002
- Ralph L. ReedNovember 23, 2002
- Paul L. ShepherdNovember 23, 2002
- John P. AndreNovember 25, 2002
- Ronald N. Muchmore.....November 26, 2002
- Harley E. Anglin.....November 30, 2002
- Harry R. HannahDecember 2, 2002
- Ronald M. McKenney.....December 4, 2002
- Otis G. RichmondDecember 5, 2002
- John GreenblattDecember 6, 2002
- Frank B. Pinkerton.....December 7, 2002

Scottish Rite Offers Variety of Scholarships to Aid Children of Members and Masonic Youth

Anyone with children in college is all too well aware of the cost of higher education. The Valley of Cincinnati is pleased to again be able to lessen that burden somewhat by offering scholarships to deserving young people who will begin college in the 2003 – 2004 academic year. Three different types of scholarships are being offered with similar, but not exactly the same requirements. The Valley of Cincinnati Foundation has endowed 18 scholarships of \$1500 each. An applicant for a Valley scholarship must be either the child or grandchild of a member of the Valley of Cincinnati or an active member of the Order of DeMolay, the Order of Job's Daughters or the Order of Rainbow for Girls. The additional requirements are listed below.

The Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction sponsors scholarships throughout its Valleys. The Abbott Scholarships began with a portion of the legacy of the late Leon M. Abbott, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921-1932. Three of these scholarships worth \$2000 each are

reserved for the Valley of Cincinnati. The application and process is the same as the Valley's scholarships. Applicants are considered for either an Abbott or a Valley scholarship, the details of which are described below in the block titled Scottish Rite Scholarships.

The Kathleen Castle Memorial Scholarship Fund was created to provide scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each for daughters and granddaughters of Eastern Star members, either living or in good standing at the time of the death. The application form for this scholarship is the same as for the Valley and Abbott scholarships. However, as a separate committee considers the Castle applications, a separate copy of the application will need to be submitted for consideration for the Castle scholarship. The process for submission is described below in the block entitled Kathleen Castle Memorial Scholarships.

Applications for the scholarships are available from the Scottish Rite office in the Cincinnati Masonic Center or by calling 421-3579 or 1 (800) 561-3579 (toll free

long distance). As noted below, applications must be in the hands of the Scottish Rite Valley of Cincinnati no later than **March 1, 2003**.

The Valley of Cincinnati Foundation, in addition to providing funding for the scholarship program also awards grants in support of the charitable aims of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, Inc. All donations to the foundation are tax deductible in accordance with I.R.S. requirements. For further information on charitable giving to the foundation, please contact the Scottish Rite office.

Note: Students who are seeking financial assistance should remember that many Masonic bodies have funds set aside to assist children of members and Masonic youth. The Grand Lodge of Ohio, Order of DeMolay (both Ohio and national) and Job's Daughters are among the organizations which should be investigated when looking for scholarships.

Kathleen Castle Memorial Scholarships

Eligibility Requirements

1. Daughter or Granddaughter of member of the Order of Eastern Star (living or deceased)
2. Graduate of a public or private secondary/preparatory school.
3. Provide a copy of grade transcripts and either ACT or SAT scores.
4. Provide copy (first page only) of both parents 2002 federal tax return.
5. Letter of recommendation from teacher or counselor.
6. Submit completed application (2 copies) to Scottish Rite office no later than **March 1, 2003**.

Scottish Rite Scholarships

Eligibility Requirements

1. Child or grandchild of a Scottish Rite Mason of the Valley of Cincinnati or have been active in DeMolay, Job's Daughters or Rainbow Girls.
2. Graduate of a public or private secondary/preparatory school.
3. Provide a copy of grade transcripts and either ACT or SAT scores.
4. Provide copy (first page only) of both parents 2002 federal tax return.
5. Letter of recommendation from teacher or counselor.
6. Submit completed application (2 copies) to Scottish Rite office no later than **March 1, 2003**.

Peter Rabbit Performance on March 15th is 2003 Family Program

The Scottish Rite **Family Program** for 2003 will be a performance of *The Adventures of Peter Rabbit* presented by The Children's Theatre on Saturday, March 15th. The Valley of Cincinnati is pleased to underwrite this whole-family event. The tale of the mischievous long-eared carrot-nabber and his nemesis Farmer McGregor is likely to be a huge hit especially with the youngest generation.

The Family Program is a product of the continued evolution of the Father/Son and Father/Son & Daughter events of the past seventeen years. With what certainly feels like greater and greater demands on our time, a single gathering for parents, grandparents and children on a Saturday afternoon has proved to be most convenient for the majority of the interested members.

Lunch at 12:30 p.m. will be the first order of the day. While carrots would seem to be the most logical entrée, instead there

will be a pizza party on the grandest possible scale. A variety of toppings (maybe including carrots) will be available as well as salad, breadsticks and beverages. The performance will follow in the Taft Theatre.

The program is open to all Scottish Rite members and their spouses and, of course, their children and grandchildren. The entire package, lunch and ticket to the performance, is reasonably priced at \$5.00 per person. Tickets for the event may be purchased **by mail order** immediately, using the order form found on page 4 of this issue. Over the counter sales of any remaining tickets will commence on February 17. Ticket sales close on March 10th. Be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope when placing your order by mail.

We are sorry, but to assure that the maximum number of brothers and their families can enjoy this event, a restriction of no more than five tickets per member will be observed.

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In addition to the 150th Anniversary Inaugural Program on January 19, other special events include the 32nd Masonic Learning Center for Children Charity Walk-a-thon on June 8; Founders' Day Picnic at Coney Island on Saturday, August 9; and the official 150th Anniversary Celebration at the Cincinnati Museum Center on September 13. Events for Masons only include the 150th Anniversary Reunion on April 25 & 26 and the 2003 Fall Reunion on November 15 & 16.

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