

THE RITE RECORDER

Valley of Cincinnati

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Valley of Cincinnati Puts the Kick in Fall Kickoff

A fun-filled night awaits on Saturday, September 16, as FC Cincinnati takes on the New York Red Bulls II at Nippert Stadium on the University of Cincinnati campus. The match starts at 7:00 p.m. We'll start with a tailgate party at 5:45 p.m. in a hospitality tent on Sheakley Lawn, outside the stadium. This stag event is open to all Masons. The cost per ticket is \$15.00. Our group will be situated in Zone 2, Section 117. Event tickets are limited to 200 attendees on a first come, first served basis. Order at 32masons.com, or mail in your order using the form in this issue. We cannot accept orders after September 8, 2017.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GOVERN YOUR CALENDARS ACCORDINGLY!

The Valley of Cincinnati has an exciting slate of events scheduled for you—and there certainly is something for everyone on the schedule. Check out the following programs, and make sure your calendars are up to date.

Breakfast Lecture Series	Aug. 9, 2017	Cincinnati Masonic Center
Fall Kickoff	Sep. 16, 2017	Nippert Stadium at UC
8° (Adams County Club)	Oct. 7, 2017	Wayne Twp. Community Center
Valley of Cincinnati Invitational	Nov. 11, 2017	Cincinnati Masonic Center
Kentucky Bourbon Trail	Nov. 18, 2017	Bus Trip
10° (6th District Club)	Dec. 9, 2017	J.B. Covert Lodge
Masters Dinner (West)	Jan. 11, 2018	RSVP Banquet Hall
21° (Lawrence County Club)	Jan. 13, 2018	Proctorville Lodge
Masters Dinner (East)	Jan. 13, 2018	Portsmouth Brewery
Four-Valley Degree Day	Feb. 17, 2018	Dayton Masonic Center
30° (Highland/Cinton Clubs)	Mar. 10, 2018	Hillsboro Lodge
March Madness Party	Mar. 16, 2018	Club 32, Cincinnati Masonic Center
Reunion (4°, 14°, 16°, 18°, 32°)	Apr. 14, 2018	Cincinnati Masonic Center
Spring Fling for Charity	Apr. 21, 2018	Shawnee State University
Fishing Derby	May 12, 2018	Shawnee State Park

DATES TBD: Family night at the Cincinnati Cyclones, sporting clays, Kentucky Speedway race, pop-up dinners. More details to come.

COMING SOON



THE 8° WITH ADAMS COUNTY CLUB

The Valley will be joining the Adams County Scottish Rite Club to portray the 8° at the Wayne Township Community Center on October 7, 2017. A lunch will be provided by the Valley and the 4° video will be available for any Master Mason desiring to continue his Masonic Journey by joining the Scottish Rite. Look for more details next month. Invite a Lodge member to join your Scottish Rite at this event.



VALLEY OF CINCINNATI INVITATIONAL

November 11, 2017 will be a special day, when Valleys from six states will come together for degrees. Joining Ohio will be Indiana, Michigan, and Pennsylvania from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and West Virginia and Kentucky from the Southern Jurisdiction. The day will start early in the morning and be over late afternoon. Seating will be limited, as each state will have spots reserved. More information to come.



KENTUCKY BOURBON TRAIL

This limited-seating event will take us to Kentucky Bourbon distilleries. The day will start early on November 18, 2017. Three or four distilleries will be toured by motor coach leaving from Northern Kentucky. The trip will include lunch and a fun time for all. We are limited to 50 spots for this trip, so when the registration is announced, don't hesitate too long or you will miss the bus!

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Woodburn, Evans to Receive Meritorious Service Award

The Valley of Cincinnati congratulates these deserving Scottish Rite Masons

The Ohio Council of Deliberation annual meeting was held in Dayton, OH, on June 3, 2017. It exemplified the ICE concept of being inspirational, convenient, and enjoyable, with a business meeting that was more than an hour shorter than in previous years, a very enjoyable banquet, and the MSA presentations in the Valley of Dayton's auditorium, a venue that lent an air of added sophistication to the ceremony. The events of the day were managed by Commander-in-Chief Douglas N. Kaylor, 33°, Deputy for Ohio, with the assistance of the Active Members and Deputy's Representatives for the state, as well as a large number of hard-working and dedicated committee members.

W.B. Rodney Hummer and W.B. Roger Watkins received the Meritorious Service Award during the ceremony on Saturday evening. Bro. Dan Woodburn and W.B. Kyle Evans were elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award in 2018 in Cleveland, OH.

Daniel Lee Woodburn is a member of Kilwinning Lodge No. 356. He joined the Valley of Cincinnati in April, 2005. He immediately joined the Stage staff, and became Stage Manager in the Spring of 2010. He plays a pivotal role in assuring that our degrees, both in our Valley facilities and on the road, are impressively portrayed.

W.B. Kyle James Raymond Evans was raised in Queen City Lodge No. 559, where he served as Worshipful Master. He is now a member of Delhi Hills Lodge No. 775. He joined the Valley of Cincinnati in April, 1994. He is the building manager for the Cincinnati Masonic Center Complex, and is instrumental in seeing that the degrees and activities in the Valley of Cincinnati are quality events.



Valley Awards Scholarships

This special moment pays tribute to those who pursue education

We are proud to support students who continue their education after high-school graduation. Three scholarships are available to qualified applicants: Scottish Rite Abbott Scholarships, Valley of Cincinnati Foundation Scholarships, and Kathleen Castle Memorial Scholarships. They were awarded for the coming academic year during a program at the Cincinnati Masonic Center on June 28 by scholarship chairman Robert J. Hons, Jr. and officers and past officers of the Valley of Cincinnati. **Abbott:** Oria L. Daugherty, Peyton E. Hyde, Madalyn K. Head, Hannah G. Hensler, Alyssa K. Wilson, Beth M. Hansford, Jonathan B. Ludwick, Katrina N. Wilson, Kenneth J. Horsley II, and Emily N. Brewer. Not pictured: Abigail B. Coogan and Jason A. Prince. **Foundation:** Shane M. Harris, Alyssa J. Wright, Victoria P. Vastine, and Kristin E. Covert. Not pictured: Nicholas A. Wright. **Castle:** Taylor Baer. Not pictured: Kaitlin Turner.

Planning for the Future: Tips from the Fraternal Secretary

Michael A. Himes, 33°

We in the Scottish Rite office get a number of requests for information every day, and try our best to fulfill those requests. Because of the relentless progress of Father Time we also get requests for the Scottish Rite 14° Ring Service for a deceased Brother, and it is also our duty to fulfill those requests. Unfortunately, on occasion we are not able to offer the 14° Ring Service, since the Brother is no longer a member in good standing. I would like to touch on this topic, and also how it connects with membership in the Blue Lodge.

When you became a Scottish Rite member you received, as part of your initiation, a 14° ring. You also pledged to obey the rules and regulations of the Valley of Cincinnati, one of which is that you pay your yearly dues. These dues are used to assist in paying our assessments to Supreme Council and in the operating expenses associated with any organization. We in the Valley of Cincinnati do not suspend a member until they are delinquent in their dues for two years—this is much more lenient than in most other Valleys. However, there comes a time when the Scottish Rite must make the painful decision to suspend a member, and that suspended member is no longer eligible for any of the rights or privileges of Scottish Rite membership, including a 14° Ring Service.

In similar manner, your Scottish Rite membership is predicated on membership in your Blue Lodge. If you are suspended from membership in your Lodge the Grand Lodge will notify the Scottish Rite of that fact. We are then obligated to suspend you from membership in the Valley of Cincinnati, regardless of your status in our Valley. For example, a life member of the Valley of Cincinnati will be suspended if we are informed that he is no longer in good standing in his Lodge.

How do you avoid this unfortunate situation? First, be certain that your membership in your Blue Lodge is in good order. Many of the Brethren in Ohio have taken advantage of the Endowed Membership program, which allows you to make a one-time payment to your Lodge to ensure that you will be in good standing until that time when you are called by the Great Architect. Additionally, the Endowed Membership program continues to return money to the Lodge after you are gone. In this manner you are able to guarantee your membership and help to provide for your Lodge in the future. Please contact your Lodge secretary for more information on this program.

The Valley of Cincinnati has a life membership program. This is similar to an annuity and relieves a member of the responsibility of paying dues while also adding to the financial well-being of the Valley. The cost of a life membership is based on your age and the current dues in the Valley. For more information about this program please contact the office.

All of us should have a plan in place so that our families do not have to make decisions at a very difficult time. Please indicate in writing if you wish to have a Masonic funeral service and/or a Scottish Rite 14° Ring Service. By doing so there is no question about your intentions. Additionally, the Scottish Rite, and your Lodge, will not contact your family to see if services are desired—such requests should come to us, and to your Lodge, through the funeral home. In that way we are assured that a service is being done because of the wishes of the family. I would also urge each of you to make plans so that, if you are incapacitated and unable to take care of yourself, your membership in your Lodge and the Scottish Rite will remain intact. Membership in these organizations is not something that should be kept secret from your family—include them, help them to understand what your fraternal memberships mean, and they will then realize how important they are to you. If you have any questions concerning your Scottish Rite membership, please do not hesitate to contact the office.



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In Memoriam

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Robert S. Glaab	3/4/2017	Joseph A. Johnson	5/3/2017
Russell E. Oder	3/4/2017	Billy J. Manuel	5/3/2017
George W. Bishop	3/13/2017	Floyd B. Lanter	5/5/2017
Joseph W. Cook	3/15/2017	Phil D. Pelfry	5/6/2017
Ralph A. Hill	3/15/2017	Henry W. Kimbler	5/8/2017
John P. Sininger	3/20/2017	Hubert A. Hutchinson	5/10/2017
Stephen W. Flatt	3/23/2017	Henry C. Day	5/17/2017
Jack D. Valz	3/25/2017	Douglas W. Seider	5/17/2017
James W. Saylor	3/27/2017	Gary F. Sullivan	5/19/2017
Robert J. South	3/29/2017	Thomas P. Etzel, M.S.A.	5/30/2017
Glen R. Brock	4/1/2017	Edward R. Hess, 33°	6/3/2017
Gustav E. Schmidt	4/3/2017	Alfred E. Rice, 33°	6/3/2017
Charles Barger	4/9/2017	Chester L. Biddle	6/4/2017
Edward R. Calloway	4/10/2017	Marion E. Whitacre	6/10/2017
Richard J. Kessen	4/10/2017	Raymond E. Applegate	6/12/2017
James M. Grau	4/11/2017	Leonard M. Wical	6/14/2017
Benjamin H. Pierson	4/11/2017	Earl M. Cramton	6/16/2017
Dennis W. McClure	4/16/2017	John L. Grossman	6/16/2017
Ralph A. Milburn	4/18/2017	James C. Ernst	6/21/2017
Kenneth W. Buns	4/23/2017	Dorman H. Stamper	6/21/2017
Quentin P. Charles	4/24/2017	Clifford J. Reeder	6/26/2017