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YOUR NEW BRETHREN



**SPRING 2016 REUNION
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ILL. BRO. KEN GANG, 33°**

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Valley officers welcomed eleven new Brethren to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite during the Spring Reunion, held from Thursday April 19 through Saturday, April 2:

The Valley is proud to welcome Sean Brant, Richard Cole Jr., David Frisby, Branden Hadley, Charles Klulig, Martin O'Brien, Steven Prentiss, Robert Pursley, Johnathan Richerson, and Adam Spahr.

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IN MEMORIAM

James G. Moore, Jr.	01 December 2017	
George C. Snyder	21 January 2018	
Robert F. Thompson	05 February 2018	
James R. Rumsey	27 February 2018	
Bayard (Bill) Betleyoun	01 April 2018	
William L. Hoffman	15 April 2018	
Ralph B. Cook	17 April 2018	May they rest in peace.

VALLEY CALENDAR AND TRESTLE BOARD

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 7 PM: STATED MEETING: ELECTION OF OFFICERS. CUYAHOGA FALLS MASONIC TEMPLE.

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 7 PM: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. CUYAHOGA FALLS TEMPLE.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2: OHIO COUNCIL OF DELIBERATIONS. HOLIDAY INN, INDEPENDENCE.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21: AWARDS NIGHT AND ABBOTZ SCHOLARSHIP DINNER AT WADSWORTH MASONIC TEMPLE.



SPRING REUNION 10th DEGREE CAST

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VALLEY OF AKRON

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Our vision: We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic Obligation to care for our members.

Secretary's Corner by George Seabeck, 33°



Our Spring Reunion is over, and congratulations are extended to the **Class Honoree, Illustrious Brother Kenneth E. Gang, 33°** and the eleven new members of the Valley of Akron.

Illustrious Brother Gang's message to the class and members was very poignant, expressing his surprise that he was considered for the honor and what Scottish Rite Masonry has meant to him since becoming a member.

Many well deserved kudos to Sheri, Marc and Brian Osborne for the excellent breakfast they prepared for us on Saturday morning. A line was forming well before the time to serve, but when it came out, all were definitely pleased with eggs, sausage, bacon, muffins, juice, biscuits, sausage gravy, and coffee. Well done and extremely appreciated by all.

Many thanks to the **Stagecraft Unit** for the coordination of degree presentation and all the hard work they do. You men are in a class by yourselves.

The **Ohio Council of Deliberation Annual Golf Outing** will once again be held at The York Country Club in Columbus on Monday, June 25, 2018. If you are interested, please submit the names or your foursome to me as soon as possible.

The Valley of Cleveland is the host for the Annual Meeting of the **Ohio Council of Deliberation** on June 2, 2018. It will be at the Holiday Inn South, 6001 Rockside Road, Independence, OH 44131. Once again, we will have a one-day event. The business session is from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. with the MSA presentation immediately following. For complete details, please feel free to contact the Valley Office at 330-666-8443. Any 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in good standing is eligible to attend this meeting.

Please pay particular attention to the year the upcoming officers have planned. It will be fun filled and entertaining.


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CERTIFIED ENLIGHTENMENT

Presentation of Gold Passports to Don A. Seeker, MSA and Illustrious Brother David M. Snyder, Sr., 33°

Congratulations to Don and Dave for completing all the degrees in their respective Passports thereby receiving the Gold Passport and Certificate of Appreciation signed by Sovereign Grand Commander David A. Glattly, 33°.

Any brother who witnesses all the degrees in his passport should bring it to the Valley secretary for verification. He will forward it to Supreme Council. Once received in Lexington, they will issue a new gold passport, and certificate to start the process all over again. There is always room for more light.

Pictured above from left to right:

David A. Korb, First Lt. Commander; Don A. Seeker, MSA; Ill. Brother David M. Snyder, Sr., 33°; Dutch Chancey, Most Wise Master; and George R. Nockengost, MSA, Past Most Wise Master.

REFLECTIONS:

Illustrious Brother Ken Gang, 33^o, was honored at the Valley's Spring Reunion April 19-21. Following is his commencement address, featuring reflections from his Masonic career:

On April 27th of 2002. I became a member of this Fraternity as part of the Grand Master's One-Day Class. At 7:30 in the morning, I was a candidate seeking Light. And by about 6:30 in the evening, I was a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. That was a long day.

I remember thinking, "What in the world have I gotten myself into?"

I also remember being impressed with the conferral of the Degrees. I thought to myself, "How do those guys remember all that stuff?" and "I'll never be able to do anything like that, let alone feel comfortable doing so."

I'll say it again: I was impressed.

A few days later, I asked my father if I was supposed to remember everything I had witnessed. He said if I did, I would be the first to do so after seeing the degrees only once. He also gave me some advice that I still heed today.

He said, "This is your Masonic Journey. Make sure you control the Journey — don't let the Journey control you. Take your time to see how active you want to become. Find what you like to do and pursue that... Not everyone is comfortable being an officer or having a speaking part in a degree. There are plenty of support roles that are just as important to the Fraternity."

He continued, "Sometimes after a Brother becomes comfortable in a support role, he'll decide to pursue a leadership role."

It's almost as if he knew the exact path my journey would take. I later realized he was saying that sometimes a Brother finds he needs to step outside his comfort zone to learn and improve himself.

After a few years, I began to find myself in leadership roles of one type or another, each time thinking again to myself, "What in the world have I gotten myself into?" and "What should I do now?"

The "What should I do now?" was an easy fix: All I needed to do was ask for help and advice and both were readily available. It is true that the members of this Fraternity are always ready to help a Brother in need.

By becoming active in leadership roles and participating in different Degrees, I was able to improve my confidence, especially in speaking in front of people. Stepping outside my comfort zone made this possible.

Being a member of this Fraternity has given me the opportunity to become more involved in charitable endeavors and to help make a positive difference in the world, however small that difference may be. I've found that sometimes the small act of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life. Anyone who has visited an ailing Brother or friend or participated in the food basket delivery will attest to that fact.

Being a member of this Fraternity has made it possible for my wife Sherri and I to meet some very nice people, not just at Fraternity-organized functions, but also during our travels. I once met a 60-plus year member while we were in Florida simply because he noticed the Square and Compasses on my tie clasp. I still have fond memories of the conversation we had.

I in turn will introduce myself to a Brother when I see them wearing a Masonic symbol. What follows is always enjoyable. So if you see a man you don't know wearing a Masonic ring, introduce yourself. Remember: He's not a stranger; he's just a brother you haven't met.

I could continue about how being active in this Fraternity has helped me improve myself and how much I've learned — but we don't have that much time. So at this time, I would like to close by thanking a few people.

First and foremost, I'd like to thank the presiding officers for deeming me worthy of having this class named after me. It is an honor I never expected. Mark, Doug, Ron and Dutch, thank you, you've made this a very special year for me.

Next I want to thank all of those who have mentored me and whispered good counsel in my ear over the years. Some of those men are no longer with us but I want to express my gratitude all the same.

Lastly I want to thank all of you, for your dedication to Freemasonry, your compassion for your brother man and your goal of making a better world for mankind. On a more personal scale, I want to thank you for your friendship. When I first joined the Fraternity, my father told me that not only would I have the opportunity to learn and grow but I would also meet some of the nicest people. Of course he was right.

So to paraphrase the slogan of the Path Forward Initiative, you all make me proud to say...

I'm not just a man... I'm a Mason.

Thank you.

Deputy's Representative

Brethren...



Will warmer weather ever get here??? It seems that winter just lingers on and on and on.

First, I congratulate all of our newest Scottish Rite Masons who joined in our Spring Reunion Class. Welcome, I hope you will stay involved and enjoy the Brotherhood. I would also like to thank all of the casts, directors, stagecraft, robing, our Secretary, and office staff, and to all of you who took time out of your busy schedules to attend our spring reunion in honor of Ill. Ken Gang, 33°. All of our candidates were very impressed with the work.

Once again this year, we have a great opportunity to support our Veterans present and past: **The Pathways For Freedom fundraiser** is going to be held at Craftsmen's Park this Memorial Weekend. Please see the flyer in this issue (page 9) for further details.

Ohio Council of Deliberations will be held at the Holiday Inn in Independence on June 2nd. What a great way to show your support for our Valley and our newest Meritorious Service Awardees. Please make a point to try to attend. This is now a one-day event, I'm sure you would enjoy the day of Brotherhood in Friendship.

Pray for warmer weather!

Fraternally,

James F. Easterling, Jr.

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