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OCTOBER 6: WORKERS DINNER. HARTVILLE KITCHEN, 6 P.M.

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OCTOBER 27: CIGAR NIGHT (CIGAR LODGE ON MAIN 7 PM)

NOVEMBER 15: VETERANS' DINNER, 6 P.M. SPEAKER: JOHN NICHOLSON, AFGHANISTAN HELICOPTER PILOT. PRESENTATION BY ILLUSTRIOUS BRO. BLAINE J. WERENER, 33°: "THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN FLAG." SHORT MEETING AFTER.

DECEMBER 20TH: STATED MEETING, FEATURING UGLY SWEATER CONTEST, WITH CHRISTMAS THEMED REFRESHMENTS.

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ONE THING TO KNOW

The 2019 Spring Reunion will be held April 25-27. The Reunion is named for Illustrious and Right Worshipful Brother Jess N. Raines.



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

A THRICE POTENT MESSAGE

Greetings, Brethren:

I hope you all enjoyed your summer!

I want to thank everyone who came to the summer picnic in August. The presiding officers worked hard to put this on for the Valley. I believe a good time was had by all.

We have our stated meeting in September, but no meeting in October, due to all the Grand Bodies having their annual meetings that month, which most of our members attend. We will, however, be having a cigar night Saturday, October 27. For more info on that event, contact Dave Korb, CIC.

Regards,

Marc A. Osborne, Thrice Potent Master

Your Valley officers, left to right...

George R. Nockengost, MSA: Adar Council of the Princes of Jerusalem

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Please call Hospitaller, Illustrious Bill Murphy, 33° at 330-630-2017 to report ill and deceased Brethren. Also, please notify him when you come home from the hospital or if you go to a nursing home. (Nursing homes will not give us any information.) Your cooperation will help keep our records up-to-date. Updated August 14, 2018.

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28 July 2018

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17 July 2018

May they rest in peace.

PGM BROTHER JAMES F. EASTLERING JR., 33° ELECTED TO AASR NMJ SUPREME COUNCIL

Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother James F. Easterling, Jr., 33°, was elected an Active Member of the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Right, NMJ at its annual meeting in Lexington, Mass. on Saturday, August 25, 2018.

As an Active Member, Easterling will join the governing council of the Scottish Rite and also serve as a trustee of the Supreme Council and member of Childrens Dyslexia Centers, Inc., and the Scottish Rite Museum and Library. In Ohio, he will represent the Rite and promote Masonic and Scottish Rite Membership and Charitable programs.

SUMMER 2018 VALLEY PICNIC



The summer of 2018 saw another glorious afternoon on the scenic shores of Portage Lakes. Over 40 Brethren, friends and family enjoyed a day of fellowship in a relaxed, brightly lit atmosphere.



Secretary's Corner by George Seabeck, 33°

It seems like the days just pass, and all of a sudden, I realize the nights are getting shorter and I wonder where the summer has gone. So it is with the Valley, it's time to gear up for the season change.

September brings forth the catch-up time from summer vacation with our Stated Meeting and a good round of refreshments.

October 6th is our Workers' Dinner at the Hartville Kitchen at 6:30 p.m. Our Reunion Director, Illustrious Brother George E. Tilden, 33° will have the invitations out in the near future.

While there will be no Stated Meeting in October, for those who enjoy a good cigar, join the group at The Cigar Lodge on Main Street in Akron. Light up time is 7:00 p.m.

Our Sovereign Grand Commander Illustrious Brother David A. Glattly, 33° has proclaimed November 2018 as Scottish Rite Month throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. He encourages all Valleys and Brothers to plan, and participate in events that demonstrate the strength and resolve we have for our organization, and the values for which it stands, and further cement the relevance of Freemasonry as part of history, as well as the future.

Accordingly, to honor our Veterans, Police Officers, and those who serve our communities in various capacities; on November 15th, we will have a guest speaker, John Nicolson, who served our Nation as a helicopter pilot in Afghanistan. Illustrious Brother Blaine J. Werener, 33° will then make a presentation, "The History of the American Flag."

This promises to be an enjoyable and enlightening evening. If you have a friend, a Brother Mason, an EMT, Fireman, or military veteran, please feel free to invite them to dinner. You may be surprised how much they will appreciate the event.

It is through each and every one of us to afford the opportunity to those who may not be a Scottish Rite Mason, or even a member of the Masonic Fraternity, a door to open which provides them a vision of who we are and what we stand for. A vision that instills in them a feeling of belonging and our Craft is worthy of their time.




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Illustrious Brother George E. Tilden, 33°

Ohio DeMolay Hall of Fame Enshrinement

by George Seabeck, 33°

The Annual DeMolay Conclave was held at Kent State University July 19-22, 2018. This turned out to be a very special event for one of DeMolay's hardest workers: Illustrious and Right Worshipful Brother George E. Tilden, 33°, who became only the eighth member to be enshrined in the Ohio DeMolay Hall of Fame.

He was presented by Illustrious and Right Worshipful Brother Timothy B. Strawn, 33° on Friday, July 20, 2018. Illustrious Brother Strawn served Ohio DeMolay as State Master Councilor in 1970-1971. Illustrious Brother Strawn and Illustrious Brother Tilden have been friends ever since they became acquainted through DeMolay and have remained so throughout their Masonic careers. It is to Illustrious Brother Strawn that I owe a debt of gratitude of his knowledge and history of George's DeMolay career and his contribution to this article.

George has been a fixture in Ohio DeMolay almost since the day he was initiated, in November 1968. He immediately became active in Portage Chapter which met in beautiful Kent Masonic Temple, the former family home of the Kents, for whom the city is named. He soon became an officer, Fourth Preceptor, and began to learn the ritual.

Learning the ritual wasn't as easy as one would think. George was a stutterer. It was through his determination to perform excellent ritualistic work that he overcame the stuttering. No one would ever guess today he experienced such a challenge.

George progressed in DeMolay over the next several years and his leadership skills did not go unnoticed as he worked in coordination with Tim (Strawn) at a Regional Workshop held in the Kent Temple. He served in his first state office for State Master Councilor Ed Anderson, after serving as successful year as Ninth District Chairman.

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Illustrious Brother George E. Tilden, 33°

Ohio DeMolay Hall of Fame Enshrinement

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George continued his growth as a leader in DeMolay with unabated enthusiasm. The following are just some of the awards and recognition which he has received:

- Representative DeMolay Award
- Leadership Correspondence Course Graduate
- Blue Honor Key with Star for 20 first line petitions
- Past Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award
- Founder's Award for DeMolay's 50th Anniversary
- Illustrious Knight Commander for Akron Priory
- Past Illustrious Knight Commander Meritorious Service Award
- State Illustrious Knight Commander
- State Officer 1971-1975 • State Officer of the Year 1972-1973
- Director of Blue Honor Key • Conclave Director for 26 years
- Governor of 9th District, Ohio DeMolay for 20 years
- Brotherhood Award 1974-1975
- Recipient of the Chevalier Award
- Distinguished Service Award for Supreme Council
(Nominated by Chester Hodges, PGM, Ohio)
- Recipient of the Active Member Order of DeMolay Award
- Recognized as "Mr. Enthusiasm" for Ohio DeMolay by Mark Loose, State Master Councilor and
Past International Master Councilor



As you can determine, George was — as he remains — extremely devoted to the ideals and principles of DeMolay.

Though Mom and Dad have passed, George is today inspired by his wife of 16 years, Gloria. A Majority Rainbow Girl and active Eastern Star, she is constantly by his side, supporting and encouraging him in everything he does fraternally, professionally and in their faith and church life. A better, more understanding, caring and supportive partner he could not have

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Brethren...



As we start the final push of summer and we all start back to stated, special and other Masonic meetings, I hope you are eager to see old friends and maybe even some new ones as we continue to share in the Brotherhood and friendships that Freemasonry has to offer.

Fall will soon be here. And with the shorter days and cooler nights, I am reminded that no matter what the season, Freemasonry is still part of our everyday lives.

Craftsman's Park has been filled this summer with many events, picnics and other activities, golf outings, parades and other fundraisers. The events have been well attended. And through them all, the Masons of the 21st Masonic District and surrounding Districts should be proud to wear the Square and Compass.

Scottish Rite will only survive with Blue Lodge Masons joining our Rite, and it will be with your help that we can see that we are here to enjoy all of these events for many years to come.

Fraternally,
James F. Easterling, Jr.

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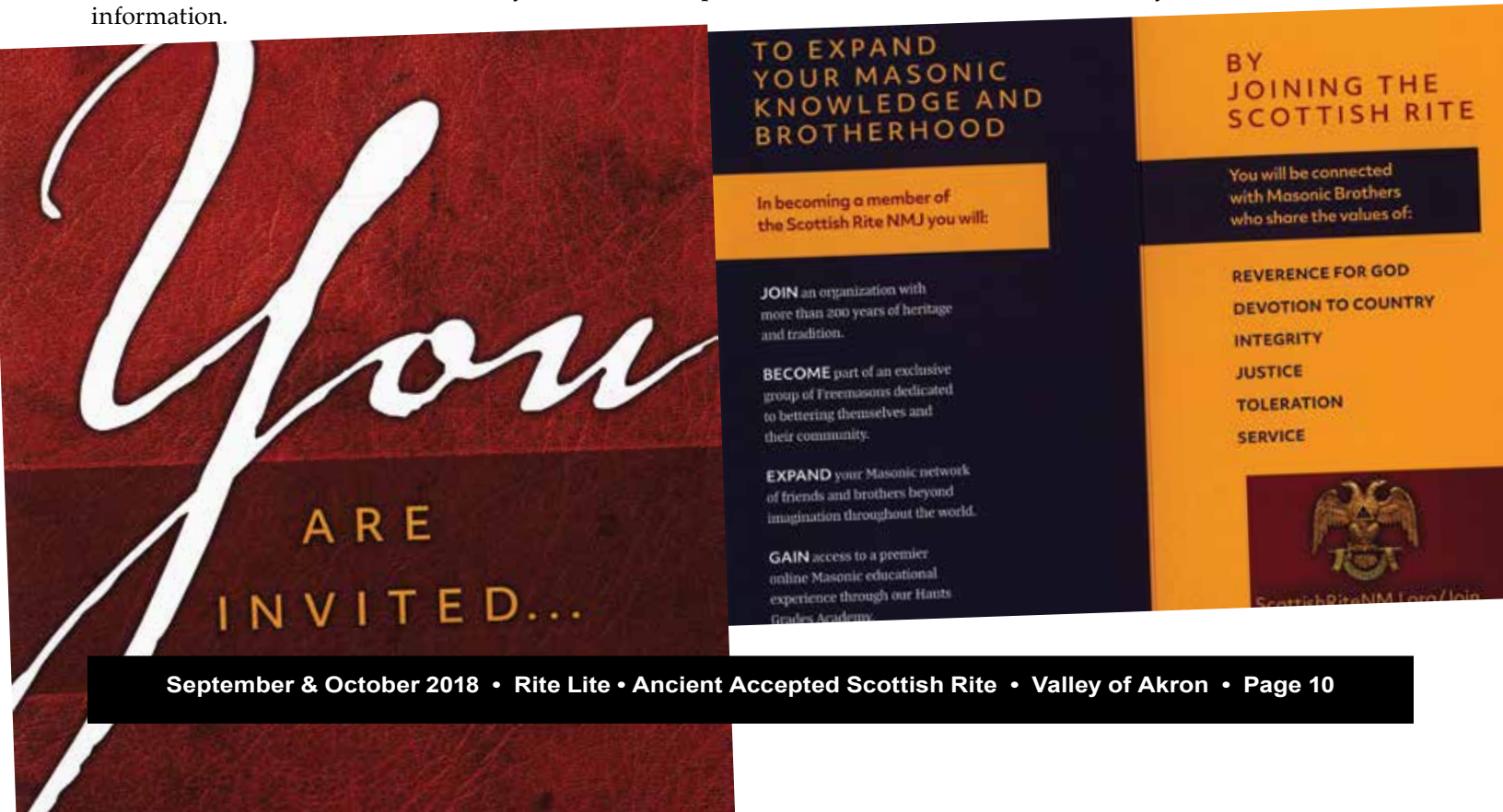
THE PATH FORWARD

You are invited.

If you have had the chance to read the latest national newsletter *The Northern Light*, then undoubtedly you have noticed there is considerable information regarding membership. It is in the Sovereign Grand Commander article on page three and in Linda Patch's article on pages 8 and 9.

You have access to more information than ever before regarding your personal account with the ability to make changes in addresses, email, phone numbers, and family; pay your dues online; and a new online petition for those Brethren who would like to continue their light in Masonry with you. It gives you the opportunity to immediately sit down with them and assist them in joining the Scottish Rite. They are able to complete the petition, pay the necessary fees and if desired, make partial payments. Those petitions will then be sent to the respective valley secretary. Don't worry: You will still be the first line signer for the prospective member.

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