

**ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE,  
VALLEY OF STEUBENVILLE**

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## 2024 Fall Reunion

We had our 2024 fall reunion on October 5, 2024 in honor of our lost Brother L. Tom Cook, 32°, VSA.

We showed the 4th, 6th, 14th, 21st, 26th and 32nd degrees all on video. We were unable to do any live degrees due to not having enough participation. If you would like to be a part of a live degree in the future, please reach out!

We welcomed 3 new Scottish Rite members! We did courtesy work for Rockfield Center, NY and the Valley of Bangor Maine! We had visitors from Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, Venezuela and 3 other Valley in Ohio!

Another successful reunion in the books!

Welcome to our new Brothers!

Vincent Osso, 32°

Ross Sanders, 32°

Joshua White, 32°

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# 2024-2025 Officers

## CARSON LODGE OF PERFECTION

Ill. Roger E. Givens, Sr., 33°, HGA, MSA, VSA	Thrice Potent Master
Steven L. McKinney, 32°	Deputy Master
David B. Cesaro, 32°	Senior Warden
Carl R. Pomeranski, 32°	Junior Warden
Lucas C. Pomeranski, 32°	Orator

## CUTLER COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM

Joseph Greer, Jr. 32°	Sovereign Prince
Mark S. Fraley, 33°, VSA	High Priest
Jeffery P. Moyer, 32°	Senior Warden
Brian R. Collett, 32°	Junior Warden
George R. Monroe, II 32°, VSA	Master of Ceremonies

## DRUMMOND CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

Brian J. Breyer, 33°, MSA, VSA	Most Wise Master
Carol Monday, Jr., 33°, VSA	Senior Warden
Kendall L. Chadwick, 32°, VSA	Junior Warden
Matthew J. Rawson, Sr., 32°	Orator
Aaron R. Montgomery, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
Richard L. Hendrix, 32°	Captain of the Guard

## JEFFERSON CONSISTORY, S.P.R.S.

Gregory R. Metcalf, 33°, VSA, DEP REP	Commander-in-Chief
Timothy L. Walters, 33°, MSA, VSA	1st Lt. Commander
Robert T. Crow, 33°, MSA, VSA	2nd Lt. Commander
Ronald M. Callahan, 32°, MSA, VSA	Orator
John T. (JT) Morgan, 32°, MSA, VSA	Engineer & Seneschal
Joseph P. Blazer, 32°, VSA	Master of Ceremonies
Empty for 2024-2025	Standard Bearer

## A word from your new Deputy's Representative

### Gregory R. Metcalf, 33°, VSA

First of all, I am humbled and honored to be your new Deputy's Representative! We are a Valley of Excellence made up of great Masonic men working hard for good things for our Valley. In June, we started off with OCD and honoring our newest MSA, Brother Ron Callahan. Congratulations to Ron for this well-deserved honor! In addition, it was announced that Brothers Chuck Karcher and Joe Blazer have been nominated for the MSA in 2025. Congratulations brothers!

We also concluded the month of June with our Annual Officer's retreat where we discussed our Valley goals and activities for the upcoming year. We are laser focused as a team on achieving the Valley of Excellence for the 4th consecutive year and I am confident we can achieve this goal together!

Brother George Monroe has led several successful Family Life events over the summer including the 4th of July Riverboat cruise in Pittsburgh, the Washington WildThings baseball game, the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game, and a night out at 7 Ranges Entertainment. Great job George and all those that helped make these events a great success!

Our annual fish fry led by the Carson Lodge of Perfection was a huge success this year. Attendance was phenomenal with 115 people there and the event's gun raffle was a great fundraiser for our Valley. Congratulations to all of the Line Officers, Ill. Roger Givens, Steve McKinney, Dave Cesaro, Carl Pomeranski and Lucas Pomeranski, for all of the hard work you have done for this wonderful event. A huge shout out to all the other volunteers who helped with the fish fry as they were an integral part of the day, thank you all so much for what you do!

This Fall will be busy as well for our Valley with many activities for our brothers to attend and take part in. These include our Stated Meetings, the Rite's on the Road, our Reunion named for our late Brother and friend Tom Cook on October 5th, and our Annual Christmas Party on November 16th. Please make every effort to attend and be a part of something wonderful here in our Valley!

Lastly, congratulations to our newest 33rd candidate, JT Morgan. This is a very well-deserved honor!

Fraternally,

Gregory R. Metcalf, 33°, VSA, Deputy's Representative

## IN MEMORIAM

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families  
and friends of our departed Brethren. May our  
Heavenly Father have them in  
His Holy keeping.*

*“The Grand Architect of the Universe has received  
the following into his presence  
as they have laid down their working tools”*

Francis R. Beckert  
Ted A. Zitko  
Edward L. Day  
John T. Everett  
Gilbert F. Boring  
Benny M. Sayre  
Charles A. Musselman  
William E. Benline, Jr., 33°

Lee T. (Tom) Cook  
Denzel S. Linn  
Robert T. Slates  
Steven R. Philpot  
Edward J. Dahlem  
Roger W. Watts, 33°  
Andre (Andy) B. Celestin, 33°



## A word from our Executive Secretary

Our Valley is experiencing a lot change this year with the passing of some of our key people. It has been taxing, trying to cover the job of our dear friend and VOE Chairman, L. Tom Cook. Ill. Edsel Emery and Ron Callahan are making it happen though!

The Valley of Steubenville claimed first at the 2024 OCD Golf Outing. Congratulations Gentlemen! Fish Fry had Record Attendance this year under the guidance of Ill. Roger Givens, Thrice Potent Master. Steve McKinney has vowed to beat the attendance record next year.

The 4 gun raffle was a success and generated funds to be donated to the Cambridge Dyslexia Center and Tom Cook's Scout Troop.

George Monroe is killing it in Family life! George has organized two baseball outings Wild things and Pirates, Dinner Cruise on the Gateway Clipper, celebrating our Independence on the 4th of July and an evening at 7 Ranges Entertainment in Steubenville.

No doubt this next year will be challenging, but I am confident that under the new leadership of our Deputies Representative, Ill. Greg Metcalf, we will persevere and overcome the challenges as they come. Welcome Illustrious!

I am looking forward to serving with the new Heads of the lines.

If there is anything I can do to make your Scottish Rite Experience more memorable, please let me or the Heads of your line know to accommodate you.

Fraternally yours,

Illustrious Timothy L. Walters, MSA,VSA

Remembering a brother you haven't seen in a long time can be bittersweet, especially when they're no longer here. It's important to hold on to the memories you shared and acknowledge the impact they had on your life. Reflect on the moments that brought you together and find solace in the fact that their presence once made a difference. Even in their absence, the bond you shared remains a significant part of who you are.

Ronald M. Callahan

Chairman of the Board

The Valley of Steubenville had a family life event on July 27, 2024. The event was a baseball game in Washington PA at the Washington Wild Things Park baseball field. They played the New York Boulders. There were 5 different families in attendance with a total of 11 people enjoying the baseball game together. The final score of the ballgame was The Wild Things 6 and the Boulders 2. It was a wonderful night with the Scottish Rite brothers and their family members.

The Valley of Steubenville had a family life event on August 24, 2024. The event was a baseball game in Pittsburgh, PA. at PNC ballpark home of the Pittsburgh Pirates, playing the Cincinnati Reds. There was a pre-show presentation of the Hall of Fame class of 2024; the players that were being inducted were Barry Bonds, Jim Leyland and Manny SanGuillen. The first pitch was presented by the IBEW union president. The Pirates lost to Cincinnati by the score of Cincinnati 10 and the Pirates 2. After the game there was a firework display to top out the night. There were 19 people in attendance at the ballgame with 8 out of 19 were Scottish Rite Brothers, the rest was family and friends. It was a good day for the Valley of Steubenville and to be a Scottish Rite Mason. Journey on my brothers.

The Valley of Steubenville had a family life event on September 21, 2024. This event was held at the Seven Ranges Entertainment at the Steubenville Mall. The event consisted of axe throwing, bowling and arcade games with miniature golf for the people that was under the age of 16 years old, to replace the axe throwing. There were 18 in attendance with 8 of the attendants were Scottish Rite Masons. It was a wonderful night to spend time with Scottish Rite Masons and their family. Journey On!

George R Monroe, Jr, 32°, VSA  
Family Life Chairman



# JOIN US FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER

## THE VALLEY OF STEUBENVILLE

Carson Lodge of Perfection

Undo's Weirton WV  
November 16, 2024  
6 PM  
Cash Bar  
Casual Dress

PLEASE RSVP TO:  
STEVE MCKINNEY  
304-670-1881

PLEASE RSVP BY  
NOVEMBER 6TH

UNDO'S WEIRTON  
350 THREE SPRINGS DR,  
WEIRTON, WV 26062





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*Provide inspiration for our members, meaningful programs and degrees.*

*Provide convenient opportunities for our members to enhance their lives.*

*Provide enjoyable programs and fellowship for our members.*

**NOT JUST A MAN. A MASON.**

### Schedule of Events

#### October

5th—Fall Reunion—8am

24th—Stated Meeting—7pm

#### November

16th—Valley Christmas Party

#### December

11th—Stated Meeting—7pm

14th—Annual 33rd Christmas Party

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### OFFICE HOURS

Just a reminder, we are only in the office limited hours during the week. If you need to get in contact with us please give the office a call and leave a message. You can also get in touch with us via email and someone will get back to you in a timely manner!