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New District Degree Day Debuts in Greencastle

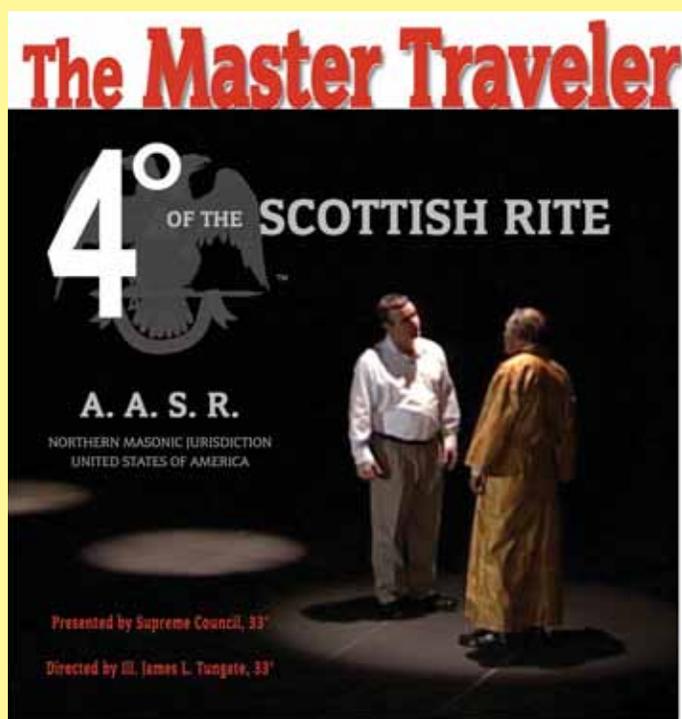
As part of a series of District Degree Day (3D) Classes, Indianapolis Valley members and officers will join with Temple Lodge No 47 in Greencastle on **Saturday, September 18** to confer the Scottish Rite degrees on area Master Masons. The Grand Master's One Day Class will precede our activities with our own Knights of St Andrew conferring the Master Mason Degree.

The degree conferral will debut a new and exciting method of exemplifying the 4th degree: it will be displayed to the class via DVD on a large screen in the Lodge Room. This newly released production of the Master Traveler is an introduction to the 29 degrees that a candidate will encounter on his Scottish Rite journey and includes brief scenes from Lodge, Council and Chapter degrees as well as parts of seven Consistory degrees.

This DVD *may* be used by the Valleys in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction as an alternative to live performance and it is particularly fitting for a presentation where a large stage setting is not available. Several scenes in the DVD were filmed in the Valley of Indianapolis and several members are prominent in the scenes. It is a debut that you will want your candidates to see.

Two other unique degree presentations are scheduled for that day including the 26th and 16th degrees. "Friend and Brother Eternal" is set in the Civil War era and will be performed by the Valley of Danville, IL. Wrapping up the day will be the cast of Saraiah Council conferring "Prince of Jerusalem" in the dining room with the cast as participants in a great banquet in the court of King Darius. It promises to be a memorable day.

Contact your local Membership Development Ambassador or Rick Purcell at Rpurcell@aastr-indy.org or 317-262-3122.



7 am - Breakfast served
8 am - Entered Apprentice Degree
10 am - Fellow Craft Degree
11 am - Master Mason Degree
Lunch served by reservation - \$10
3 pm - Scottish Rite Degrees
6 pm - Banquet and 16th Degree

All candidates will be obligated as 32nd degree members in this new format. Make plans for this unique 3D experience.

How to Build a Membership

Degree Presentations Continue to Evolve

Among the areas that place Scottish Rite Freemasonry in a unique position within the fraternity is the constant review of our degrees for relevancy to the prospective members we are seeking to impress.

While these changes may sometimes be a source of frustration for some long time members, the fact is that degree themes and methods of presentation must continue to evolve in today's society while remaining true to the core values of Freemasonry.

Such a change recently occurred with the release of the 4th Degree, Master Traveler, in DVD format. The degree conferral in this format provides an alternative to the live performance and is a convenient way to exemplify the degree when it is not practical to use a stage setting. It is not designed nor intended to be viewed by an individual but rather on a large screen with other members of the Valley in attendance to strengthen the fraternal bond of our fraternity as the new member begins his Scottish Rite journey. The presentation is impressive with rich scenery, video and audio effects and dramatic presentations. Indianapolis Valley members will recognize several of our members who had roles in the production of the degree. We will premier this presentation during the District Degree Day class to be held at Temple Lodge in Greencastle on September 18th.

Presenting a degree on DVD contributes to the varying methods of degree conferrals that are being employed in many Valleys. Indianapolis Valley has been traveling to local Lodges to perform degrees over the last two years and has also utilized convenient opportunities to join the Scottish Rite in connection with Grand Master's one day classes in addition to our traditional fall and spring convocations. In fact, a recent study of initiates for the Valley reveals that 50% of the new members over the last five years have received their Scottish Rite degrees in something other than a traditional weekend convocation. Those taking the degrees in this shorter, more convenient time frame also tended to be younger than those in other formats and with the conferral of degrees after several stated meetings each year, they witnessed more degrees than other candidates. These changes have made a positive difference in our membership program.

You will soon be receiving the Valley Calendar of Events book for 2010-11. Review the different degree opportunities over the next 12 months and take advantage of the format that fits your prospective member's wishes. See the lessons of the Scottish Rite in a new light!



Jeffrey K. Saunders
Executive Director

The Double Eagle

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Scholarship Awarded

As part of the annual Community Day luncheon (see *Double Eagle*, March 2010) the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis Foundation, Inc awarded \$1,000 to the Murat Shrine Business Connection for their Scholarship Fund. This fund awards college scholarships to former Shrine hospital patients and at the Murat called meeting on July 26th, representatives of the Foundation and MSBC presented a check to Jason Sullivan of Bedford, IN who will be attending Purdue University in the fall studying electrical engineering.

Four Nominated for MSA in 2011

At the recent Indiana Council of Deliberation meeting, four members of Indianapolis Valley were elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award during the 2011 meeting in Lexington, KY. Our nominees for this year are:



Randal W Bradley
Southport Lodge 270

Charles H Sebastian
Scottsburgh Lodge 572

Randolph L Seipel
Temple Lodge 47

Paul E Teague
Daleville Lodge 730

All of these brothers have been active in degree work in the Valley and served on various committees. Congratulations to each of them on being selected for this special recognition.

Memorial & Honor Gifts

May 21, 2010 to July 30, 2010

CATHEDRAL FOUNDATION MEMORIALS

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Ashlar Society

A personalized brick laid in the walkway through the west parking lot is an opportunity to establish a permanent memorial demonstrating loyalty and pride in the Valley.

Kathryn & Jack Vickrey, 33°
William H Short
Richard D Hays

BAXTER BELL SOCIETY
Gloria Todd

NEW CENTURY SOCIETY
Harold R Janitz Trust
Elsie M Helman Estate

Tom's Membership Corner

\$150 Initiation Fee and No Dues 'til 2012

by *Thomas A Fallis, 33°*

What's new with Membership? This is a question that I have been asked a lot lately, and is one that I am always happy to answer. There are three things that first come to mind: \$ 150 initiation fee, Committee Member training, and the new Membership Initiative Jewel.



In light of our current US economic situation, the Executive Committee of the Scottish Rite has lowered the total amount required to only the initiation fee of \$150 and all new initiates don't have to pay dues until January 2012.

The District, County, and Lodge Chairmen have undergone training in the programs pertaining to the Scottish Rite Membership

Program. The topics covered include: fees, potential members, and awards. Each Lodge Chairman has been given a list of members of his Lodge that are not members of the Scottish Rite. This is a great resource for identifying those Brothers that have not received further light in the Scottish Rite. The awards include the 3/10 program, diamond pin program, and the new Membership Initiative Jewel.

The Membership Initiative Jewel is an award that all Scottish Rite Masons can be proud to wear. This award will be presented to the petition signer starting with his first petition. The jewel is a Double Eagle overlaid on a Teutonic Cross which is to be worn high upon the neck in the area where a man's neck tie knot is located. The ribbon, that holds the jewel, is a specific color based upon the level that the member achieves by the number of petitions that he has signed. Regardless of the number of petitions one has to date, everyone starts at the same level and the signer will be given his jewel after his first petitioner completes his initiatory obligation.

There are seven levels of achievement and each has a corresponding colored ribbon. The highest award will be attained when a Brother has 33 candidates to his credit. Once he has reached 33, he will be entitled to wear his jewel suspended by a royal purple ribbon. The jewel can be worn at all Scottish Rite events and will be an outward sign to his Lodge Brothers of his achievements.

The time is now to get started on your jewel. The fee may be low, but our spirits are high. Go out and get a new member today. The greatest legacy that you can leave is to replace yourself with a new member or 33.

tfallis@aastr-indy.org - I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Nov 20th Convocation & Reunion

honoring Ill Keith Purcell, 33° & Ill Eugene H Yockey, 33° Class

Adoniram Lodge of Perfection Degrees
Sat, Nov 20 9 am Oath of Fealty
4° Master Traveler
14° Grand Elect Mason

Saraiah Council of Princes of Jerusalem Degree
11:30 am 16° Lunch &
Prince of Jerusalem

Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix Degree
1 pm 18° Knight of the Rose Croix

Indiana Consistory Degrees
20° Master Ad Vitam
31° Knight Aspirant
32° Sublime Prince Royal Secret

5:30 pm Awards Banquet

During the banquet, we will not only welcome our new members but also present awards for membership development and exemplary service to the Valley for committee activity during the past year. Spouses are welcome to attend this banquet and reservations are required: (317) 262-3100 or info@aastr-indy.org

Volunteer to help the Make-up and Chorus departments!



On April 17, 2010, 19 members received their 50-year membership certificates and pins. Front Row (l to r): William G Hine; Willard P Zimmerman, Jr, Carlis Inabnitt, Daryl D Stemen, James J Arthur, Rex Tranbarger (1950 Class). Middle Row: Emil H Gibson, Omer M Larrison, Robert G Alexander, Marvin C Emrich, Russell A Murphy, 33°, D James Stringfield, Norman S Schultz, Paul S Medley. Back Row: Robert D Shelby, Davis W Ellis, Harlan A Stierwalt, Rodney G Brower, Even J Nyberg, and Don E Crouse.

Join us on Wednesday, Sept 8th at 11 am for the 12th Annual Golf Outing benefitting the 32° Learning Centers for Children. This year's event is again being played at The Fort Golf Course at Ft Harrison on the Northeast side of Indianapolis. The driving range opens at 10 am with lunch to precede the shotgun start. Dinner and awards follow a fun-filled day. Registration deadline is Sept 4th.

THE FORT GOLF COURSE



Your registration fee includes lunch, driving range, 3 drink tickets during play, greens fees, cart, gift bag, dinner and prizes.

Hole Sponsor	\$250
Foursome	\$500
Foursome & Hole Sponsor	\$750
Single Golfer	\$140

- Register our foursome
- Register our foursome, and our company will sponsor a hole.
- Our company will sponsor a hole.
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A Word With You



The Gift of Hope

by Randy Seipel, Senior Warden
Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix

The Grand Architect of the Universe has given us many great gifts. Physical gifts, personal gifts, material gifts

and most importantly spiritual gifts. One of the greatest of these spiritual gifts is the gift of Hope.

Pause for a moment and reflect how difficult your life would be without the spiritual

gift of hope. We have all experienced difficulties in our lives such as death, illness, and loss of wages, relationship difficulties. Yet somehow we are able to survive these difficulties and sometimes eventually thrive in spite of them.

Ask yourself how would I have gotten through this situation without hope. Hope that through prayer and the divine plan of the GAOTU I can make it through anything.

Hope that my family, my Brothers and my friends will see me through difficult times. Hope that through my own determination and faith that I can make it through any trial.



Can you imagine being hopeless? Truly not being able to see any light at the end of the tunnel. Not being able to see any healing or prosperity in the future. A life with out hope would be dismal and dim indeed.

What greater gift could we have been given by our creator than the gift of hope? In Romans 15: NKJV it says: *Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy spirit.*

I think we often get hoping and wishing mixed up. When I was a child I looked forward to receiving the Sears and Penny's Christmas catalogs. They would arrive just after Thanksgiving and I would pour over them, circling cars, flagging the pages

Can you imagine being hopeless? A life without hope would be dismal...



with race tracks, cutting out pages of my favorite GI Joes and putting them on the fridge and hoping those would be the items that I would receive that year. Really that material wanting is more of a wish than a hope. There is no investment or sacrifice made in a wish. Even Sears had it right by calling their catalog the wish book, not the hope book. I think the act of hoping comes with some sacrifice.

Often times I wonder how successful I am in spreading hope. We run into so many Brothers and friends on a daily basis and often times are confronted

Even Sears had it right by calling their catalog the wish book...

with their issues and problems. We oft times will say, "I hope that works out for you." "I hope you find a job." "I hope things get better."

While at that time we may seem and intend to be supportive of that person, are we really putting our hope

into action and really helping or supporting that person? Can we show our hope by making a follow up call to that person a few days later to check on them? Are we actually praying for the person on a regular basis? Have we asked around to our friends and brothers to help him find a job or other assistance that is needed? Are we offering assistance around the house or with food or other support?

During the Feast of the Paschal Lamb we learn from the Senior Warden that Hope in action is Charity. I for one want to put my hope in action. It also teaches us that we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope, for what a man seeth why does he yet hope for but if we hope for that which we see not. Do we with patience wait for it?

What better way to build our Scottish Rite Fraternity than by putting Gods great gift of hope into action. What an excellent example of Masonic virtue and brotherly love.

In closing Brethren, how could we be 32nd degree Masons and not feel the presence and importance of one of God's greatest gifts? Through all trials, through all temptations, through all battles in life ... *Spes Meo in Deo Est...* My Hope is in God! Join with me in putting our Hope in God into tangible action.



Murphy vs. Gloye: Round 4

Russ Murphy

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765-720-0034

Defending Champion Russell A Murphy, 33° and challenger William A Gloye, 33° have raised over \$20,000 the past three years for the Children's Learning Center Walk with an effective letter-writing campaign reaching out to their friends for donations. Many thanks are due these two brothers for their efforts in raising money for our Learning Center.

Bill Gloye

bgloye@aol.com
317-485-6481

They are at it again this year and have inspired more contenders to the crown. Brothers Randy Seipel, Tom Beattie, 33°, and Charlie Merlau, 33° are hoping to knock-out one of these Top 2



to get into the show card bout and they just might get into contention with their avid supporters.

Randy Seipel

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765-655-2308

If you would like vote for your 2010 champion, it's easy. Call 'em directly! Make your vote count - our kids with dyslexia need your support.

Tom Beattie

tbeattiesr@aol.com
317-443-9971

For your convenience, we accept Visa or Mastercard over the phone.

Charlie Merlau

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317-439-0288

\$59⁵²

PER TUTOR SESSION

That's what it costs to teach a child times 84 sessions per year.

You can help in one of 3 ways:

- **Join us for the Walk**
- **Gift tutoring sessions**
- **Donate what you can**

WALK



**TO HELP
CHILDREN
WITH DYSLEXIA**

**The Annual Indianapolis Walk
To Help Dyslexic Children**

New Route: Around the Cathedral with
Family Fun in the Parking Lot
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2010
Registration: 9:30 am
Start Time: 10 am

Don't like any of these "pretenders" to the crown?: www.dyslexiawalk.org // 317-262-3123

Chiles Elected to DeMolay Line



At the meeting of the Supreme Council in June, Illustrious Gregory A Chiles, 33°, a Past Most Wise Master of Indianapolis Valley, was elected to the office of Grand Junior Councilor, the first step in the progressive line of DeMolay International. Greg is expected to progress and be elected the 81st Grand Master of the organization in 2012 and just the fifth Hoosier to serve in that post. Brother Chiles has served as Executive Officer of Indiana

DeMolay for the past seven years, is a past DeMolay State Master Councilor, and Past Master of Frank S Land Lodge.



Mike Klepper, Tom Fallis, Randy Seipel and Randy Schutz represented the Indianapolis Valley and won first place awards for the annual Council of Deliberation Golf Outing. The Valley successfully defended the title they won in 2009.



The Indianapolis Valley awarded the Meritorious Service Award to four brothers during a ceremony held during the Council of Deliberation held last June. Congratulations to Eric Lawrence, Harley Eggers, Kenneth Ruckersfeldt. Rex Sohn could not attend due to his tour of active duty in Afghanistan.

WHY GIFT ANNUITIES ARE SO POPULAR

If low interest rates are discouraging to you, the Charitable Gift Annuity is an investment vehicle you might consider to beat those depressed feelings. The Charitable Gift Annuity is so popular because it is simple, safe, and



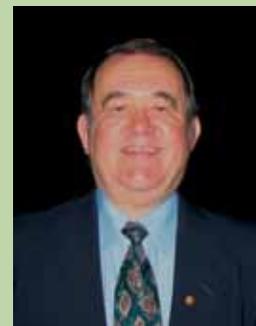
*Mark Dill, 33°
Director of Major
Gifts*

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Charitable gift annuity rates range anywhere from 5.5% for a 65-year-old to 9.5% for a 90-year-old. You can apply them to single life or a joint & survivor scenario. Try to get a rate like that at a bank!

Campaign for the Cathedral

Bob Bullions, 88, long time member of the Scottish Rite summed up the Charitable Gift Annuity as follows, "I get to help the Cathedral, I get a better rate on my money than any bank could offer me, it's a fixed rate with no surprises and at my age I've had all the surprises in life I could ever want!"



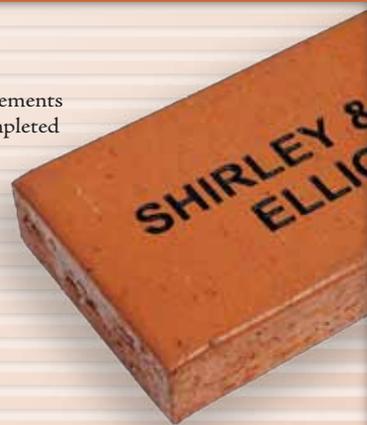
*Ronald Sparks, 33°
Field Representative*

If you are interested in receiving a free proposal on what a Charitable Gift Annuity could do for you and your family, call Mark Dill at 317-262-3123 or 800-489-3579, ext. 245.

Ashlar Society

As you may have noticed, over the last several months there have been several structural improvements made to the exterior of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The West Side Entrance Project was completed last summer; entry into the west parking lot was improved with an entrance from Walnut Street on the north side of the parking lot; and, a handicap accessible ramp was just completed near the new west entrance to assist those with physical challenges.

To commemorate these projects, we invite you to join the Ashlar Society. This is an excellent opportunity to memorialize a deceased loved one or honor someone with a living tribute. You may purchase a brick which will be laid in the area under the new west entrance. There are two options to consider: a 4"x 8" brick (2-lines of copy) for a donation of \$100 or an 8"x 8" brick (4-lines of copy) for a donation of \$500. Immortalize your loved one or friend today by ordering a brick. Reserve a brick by sending your order form below, along with your tax deductible contribution, to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation, or contact the Foundation at 317-262-3121 for more information.



I would like to Honor: _____
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Exact engraving on my brick: (lines will be centered on brick)

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City _____ St _____ Zip _____

My check* for \$ _____ is enclosed.
 Please charge my    listed below.

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

* Make Checks payable to Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation.

Round the "Rite"



Clutter Remembered with Coronet Award

Deputy Robert G Elrod, 33°, presented the Distinguished Coronet Award to Donna Clutter, widow of Illustrious Willard R Clutter, Jr, 33° at the Council of Deliberation held this past June in Lexington, KY. This new award was created in 2009 to honor distinguished members who were serving as officers of the Council or their Valley at the time of their death. The Clutter family received award No 1 at the Banquet. Sovereign Grand Commander John William McNaughton, 33° was also in attendance and addressed the Indiana members.

Trustees Report on Current Valley Projects

The north parking lot fence is now complete and looks great. This includes a new rolling gate on the north end for large vehicular traffic. The official opening of the Cultural Trail section on Walnut Street and the Glick Peace Walk was held on June 30th. It is a well done and provides unique space that will add to the character of our neighborhood. We are making some contingency plans for concealing construction work on the theater balcony during events held there over the next two months. A water leak has caused extensive damage to the ceiling and contractors will be erecting scaffolding to repair plaster and to repaint the area.

Ladies Luncheons

This is the first luncheon in a new format for this program in 2010-11. On Wednesday, October 6th come for lunch at 12 noon but dress comfortable and casual for the program, which will feature Sally Brindle providing information on "Growing Older Without Pain." Sally will lead everyone through some easy exercises (without over doing it) and ways to relax and get some of our energy back.

The balance of the programs this year features a variety of formats with a Saturday holiday luncheon, traditional weekday luncheon and evening wine tasting event. Luncheons are open to members' ladies & their guests. A reserved season ticket includes 2 luncheons and the wine tasting for \$50. Single tickets are \$20.00 for each of the luncheons and \$10 for the evening wine and desserts.



Scholarship Correction

In the June 2010 issue listing Abbott Scholarship Winners, two names were inadvertently omitted. Congratulations to Kristyn M Watts attending Butler University and Eric T Wood attending Indiana University.



Special Degrees at Stated Meetings

Please join us on **Wednesday, September 1st** and **Wednesday, October 6th** at 7 pm for the stated meeting to be followed by a special presentation of Scottish Rite degrees. In September, the Shelby County Guild of Perfect Masters will present the 6th Degree, *Master of the Brazen Serpent*. This degree teaches that devotion to one's friends and zealotry in performing one's duties are rewarding virtues. Then, in October, the Indiana Consistory will present the 27th degree, *Knight of Jerusalem*, which teaches the concept of a free church in a free state cooperating for the common good.

The Double Eagle Café will be open for dinner beginning at 5:30 pm on both of these evenings. Join us for the degree and fellowship afterwards in Washington's Retreat. Bring your passport for a validation stamp as you continue your journey through Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

Coming "Rite" Up



Children's Xmas Party

The Children's Christmas Party is planned expressly for the entertainment of our members' children and grandchildren, so mark your calendars and plan to attend an outstanding holiday show on **Sunday, Dec 5th at 2 pm**. Santa really gets around and shares the North Pole magic, including musical favorites, interactive sing-a longs, lively holiday takes and some of the latest Elf Workshop inventions. After the show meet Santa over refreshments in the Banquet Hall and enjoy music from our own Scottish Rite Chorus. Free to all members and their guests.



On Sunday, Dec 19th at 3 pm, the Scottish Rite Orchestra, Chorus, and Organ will present a delightful evening of music for your holiday entertainment. Tickets are FREE for all members and their guests. No food service prior to this event.

Sold Out Last 6 Years!

Masonic Fellowship Day

Spirit of Jefferson

\$17.50

Children \$10
4-12
Under 4 - FREE

Sunday Sept 26th

2 pm

We've chartered an historic
paddlewheel steamboat with
catered buffet lunch for a
2-hour cruise on the Ohio River

Only 150 seats available &
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Every passenger must have a ticket.

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Through the Cathedral Window

The Ravages of War, the Bonds of Peace

by Jerry B Collins, 33°, Editor

Soldiers. One wounded, the other a caring look of concern on his face. Different uniforms: gray and blue. It must be the Civil War. What is the wounded soldier handing to the other? Personal papers? But why would he give them up unless he knew he was mortally wounded.

This compelling statue can be found in the Gettysburgh National Cemetery, the site where, in July of 1863, the Union Army of the Potomac and the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia met around the small Pennsylvania town of Gettysburg for what was to be the largest battle of the Civil War.



Winfield Scott Hancock and Lewis Addison Armistead came to know each other while serving in the US Army. They became fast friends and although they had fought side-by-side in the days that led up to the Civil War, Armistead refused to raise his sword against his fellow Southerners and joined the Confederate Army in 1861.

Both Union General Hancock and Confederate General Armistead fought heroically in the previous 27 months of the war and they were ultimately destined to meet at Gettysburg. During Pickett's Charge, Armistead led his men gallantly, penetrating Hancock's line. Ironically, when Armistead was mortally wounded, Hancock was also wounded.

This statue depicts a true event that occurred during the last day of battle. Union Captain Henry Bingham, staff assistant to General Hancock, himself wounded, rendered aid to the fallen Confederate General Armistead while handing his watch and personal effects to be taken to his friend, Union General Hancock.

What did all of these men have in common? They were all Freemasons. We know that the Civil War was the product of deep divisions within our country and that the impact of that war still lingers with us. Institutions were torn asunder but Freemasonry was preserved and the actions of so many Freemasons during that conflict stand as a testament to the triumph of brotherly love in the midst of civil strife.

Freemasonry builds unique and lasting bonds of friendship that enabled these men to remain a brotherhood undivided, even as they fought in a divided nation, faithfully supporting their respective governments under which they fought.

Hancock survived the war and died in 1886. Armistead died at Gettysburg July 5, 1863. Captain Bingham attained the rank of General and later served 32 years in the United States House of Representatives. He was known as the "Father of the House."

Join us in Greencastle on Sept 18 for a presentation of the 26th Degree entitled, "Friend and Brother Eternal."