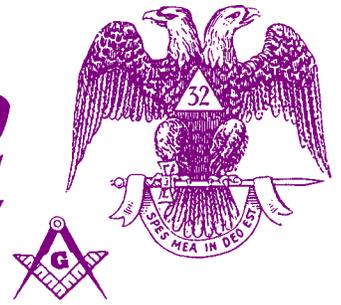


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A Mason for All Seasons

by Philip S Kappes, Trustee

An officer, friend and great Mason whom we Trustees will miss is our immediate past chairman Illustrious Brother William C. Brandt Jr. 33°, whom we all know simply as "Chuck". A man and Mason of boundless energy, great dedication and consummate leadership skills, Chuck leads by doing and not by delegation. All who have served with him know full well that to follow him is a constant "rush to catch up".

As Chuck steps down from the chair of the Board of Trustees of the Indianapolis Valley, he leaves behind a proud record of many achievements in service to the Fraternity.

In the six years he has served as Trustee, he has been the manager of substantial renovations to the Cathedral. A 1957 graduate of Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering he spent his life as a skilled building contractor. Now retired, and this may not be true, he lavishes his love of and skills in the building trades upon our beloved Cathedral.

In the year just passed, he has superintended the air conditioning of the building and renovated the auditorium and just in time for the convening of the Supreme Council meeting in September of 2001.

Through all this, Chuck has assembled a stellar group of skilled artisans to assure that the work was done

with the highest degree of craftsmanship while "shepherding" the Valley funds used to defray the cost of this \$1,500,000 project. As they say in the trade: "he brought it in on time and under budget". Also as Trustee, he has had the responsibility of managing the investment of the almost \$20,000,000 in endowed funds with which the Valley is blessed. He also serves on the Boards of the Valley's two not-for-profit corporations devoted to community enhancement and Cathedral preservation.



Chuck Brandt

Chuck Brandt is not a newcomer to Masonry by any measure. Raised a Master Mason in 1957 in Oriental Lodge #500, he became a Scottish Rite Mason that same year and served as Thrice Potent Master in 1985-86. He was crowned a 33° Mason in 1987. He is a founding member and director of the 32° Masonic Learning Center for dyslexic children in Indianapolis. Presently, he is chairman of the Fundraising Golf Outing for the Learning Center. This past fall, Chuck was responsible for almost 20 men joining the Valley in the now famous one-day class.

Married forty years to wife JoAnn, he has three daughters. Masonically speaking, Chuck Brandt is a man for all seasons. The Indianapolis Valley owes its continued preeminence among the Scottish Rite valleys of the world to men of dedication, and Chuck Brandt stands among the best of these men.

How to build a membership

Help Wanted

Jeff Saunders, 33°
Executive Director

How many times have you been to a meeting where someone stands up and says, "you only get out of Masonry what you put into it?" This phrase is sometimes so overused it is ignored. Masonic organizations are one of the best examples of volunteers serving so that others may enjoy the benefits of membership. While your Scottish Rite is blessed with dedicated staff members, it is the volunteers who run the activities that help create the value of membership both for the volunteer and the participant. Now, more than ever, we need your contributions of time to assure our continued success.

Perhaps you would like a place in the semi-annual **convocations** either on stage or in a behind the scenes job. Approximately 125 brothers portray different parts in our degrees from major roles to nonspeaking parts. The dramatic department will help you develop these skills. With 60 men **back-stage**, maybe you want to work with **props, wardrobe, or makeup**. Committee members are also needed to assist with registration and information or with the **Assistant Masters of Ceremonies** to keep the program moving on time.

Some committees have responsibilities at both convocation and other events throughout the year. **Banquet committee** members serve as hosts at various meal functions along with the **auditorium committee** who provides hospitality for events as well as serving as a safety committee in the event of an emergency. **The Scottish Rite Chorus and Orchestra** are always looking for members. These groups perform at convocations and various programs as well as presenting two concerts each year.

If you have free time during the day, serving as a **tour guide** is extremely rewarding as visitors tour the Cathedral and are inspired by our beautiful Cathedral. The **Family Life committee** plans and implements many of our most popular events such as the Christmas and Halloween parties for the children.

Over 300 **membership development committee** members serve the Valley from their local Lodges to assure that the message of the Scottish Rite is proclaimed to Master Masons and their families and that opportunities for joining us are always in the forefront. **Good Cheer committee** members also serve their local areas through visitations to hospitalized brothers.

Examine your Scottish Rite annual calendar and you will find many opportunities for service. The Valley would not exist if it were not for the hundreds of volunteers who find the experience of sharing their time and talent rewarding and fulfilling. Call the office at (317) 262-3100 or (800) 489-3579 or drop us an e-mail with your preferences for greater involvement. You will be amazed at the difference **you** could make.

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May Elections Rains Renewal on our Rite

It's May, a time for renewal in the natural world. May is also a time for change in the world of Scottish Rite Masonry. Officer elections bring us new (and sometimes old) leaders; but always changes in goals and directions.

We anticipate eagerly the new, but cannot help a twinge of nostalgia for the good times we have enjoyed and the accomplishments of the recent past, as friends and respected Brothers with whom we have served now "pass the baton" to our newest cadre of officers.

III. George E Galyean, 33° was elected to one of the three trustee positions in the Valley. He is a past Thrice Potent Master, Membership Development Chairman, and is the Local Chairman for the 2001 Supreme Council Session that will be held here in Indianapolis in September. He is VP of Operations of Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana. He and his wife Darleene have two daughters.

Also elected at the May Stated Meeting were **Steve Chapman** as Thrice Potent Master and **Dennis Sheets** as Deputy Master, of the Adoniram



George Galyean

Lodge of Perfection; and, **Bob James** as Commander-in-Chief of the Indiana Consistory. **Tom Fallis**, Sovereign Prince of the Sariah Council Princes of Jerusalem and **Carl Culman**, Most Wise Master of the Indianapolis Rose Croix were re-elected to finish their two year terms as presiding officers.

Three new appointments were made to the officer corps. **Seth T Pruden** is an attorney working with the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission is a past master of Noblesville Lodge. He and his wife Karen are the parents of 4 children and reside in Hamilton County.

Three new appoint-



Seth Pruden

S Randal Schutz is president of Aegean Construction working large construction projects nationwide and is sitting Worshipful Master at New Palestine Lodge. He and his wife Theresa are avid Arabian horse lovers and live in Hancock County.

Michael A Moxley works at Maury Boyd & Assoc as a communications consultant and is Editor of the Murat Shrine Magazine. He is a Past Master of Calvin Prather Lodge and resides in Marion County. **Congratulations and welcome to the officer corps!**



Mike Moxley and Randy Shutz



Presiding Officers for 2001-2002 are (l to r) Carl Culman, Bob James, Steve Chapman, Dennis Sheets, and Tom Fallis.

The Column

Jacques de Molay and the Templars

By William K. Bissey
Editor, Indiana Freemason

On the evening of March 19, 1314, Jacques de Molay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, and Geoffrey de Charney were burned at the stake as relapsed heretics on the Ile-des-Javiaux in the River Seine.

Who was Jacques de Molay, who were the Knights Templar, and why were the two men being punished as relapsed heretics?



Although the Knights Hospitaller tended to the needs of pilgrims in Jerusalem, there was a need to protect the pilgrims on their journey to Jerusalem. With this purpose in

mind, Hugh de Payens and eight other knights founded a new order in 1118. In the presence of Warmund, Patriarch of Jerusalem, the knights promised to observe the monastic vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Baldwin II, King of Jerusalem, gave the knights a part of his palace which was thought to be the Temple of Solomon, hence the origin of popular name of the order.

Gradually, the Templars added the obligation to fight all "infidels" threatening Christianity and to repel any force menacing Jerusalem or Christianity.

By the end of the 12th Century, the Templars had grown to over 30,000 and waxed rich from gifts of land and money from grateful Christian kings and princes to over 112 million francs annually.

Born to an impoverished noble Burgundian family sometime between 1243 and 1245, Jacques entered the Templars at Beaune in 1265. He apparently went to the Holy Land almost immediately and took part in the constant warfare that then characterized that part of the world. With the advance of Moslem forces and the fall of the last major Latin city left in Palestine -Acre in 1291, the Templars withdrew to the island of Cyprus.

There de Molay gained some prominence by denouncing certain unspecified practices he felt were corrupting the Order. After becoming provincial Master of England, he returned to Cyprus where he was elected Grand Master of the order sometime prior to 1298. The Templars were a wealthy and powerful military organization now without a purpose. However, the order had evolved into an international banking organization used by princes and commoners alike. The French royal funds were deposited in the Paris Templar house.

In 1285 Philip IV, also known as the Fair, ascended the throne of France to find a nearly bankrupt country. A few short years after the final loss of the Holy Land, Philip, turned his greedy eyes to the wealth of the Templars to fill the coffers he drained in his desire for ever-greater control over his subjects. He started rumors among

the people of devil-worship and shameful practices by the Templars, and used these as an excuse to seize their property.

Grand Seal of the Templars: Poverty and Military Might



Philip had secretly helped Pope Clement V gain the papacy and in exchange was owed a favor. Philip drew up a document with specific charges and sent it to Clement requesting an investigation. Convinced the Pope would do his will, Philip ordered all French Templars arrested on Friday the 13th of October 1307.

Although King Philip succeeded in grabbing all their lands, not a penny of their fabulous wealth was found, and he did not live long to enjoy his spoils. As the last Grand Master of the Knights of the Temple, Jacques de Molay, was burned at the stake for retracting a confession tortured out of him, he cried out to God to bring the King and the Pope, who had sacrificed the Templars for political gain, to join him at God's table. Within a year both were dead.

For more on this topic go to:
[members.tripod.com/
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www.xyz.org/templars.indexr.html

Learning Center News



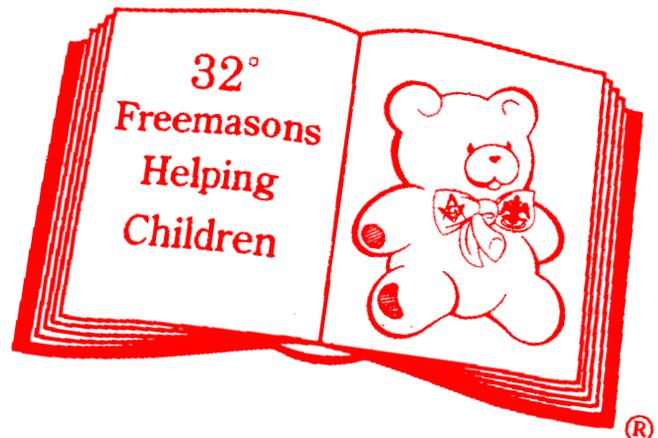
George Rogers Clark Scottish Rite Club (Clark, Floyd, and Harrison Counties in southern Indiana) presented a check to the Learning Center on January 25, 2001. (L to R) Howard L. King, Vice President; Jesse W. Richey, President; Ill. Jeffrey K. Saunders, 33°, Exec. Dir.; Joe Hobble, Secretary; and Raymond Bates, member.

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At the April 5, 2001 meeting of the Board of Governors, representatives from the International Order of Job's Daughters presented a check for \$500 to the Indianapolis Learning Center to assist with the program. Shown are Ill. Philip S. Kappes, 33°, Board Chairman; Martha Robinson, Learning Center Director; Lauren Dunn, Sr. Princess of Bethel #38 in Speedway; and Virginia Hardy, Grand Guardian.



There was much to celebrate at the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children's second birthday party on May 6. The Center has had two years of offering free remediation in reading, writing and spelling to over forty children with dyslexia. Thirteen tutors have received training and supervision. More groups are reaching out to support this work. Most recently the **Indiana Grand Guardian Council of Job's Daughters** and the **George Rogers Clark Scottish Rite Club** presented contributions to the Center. These are all causes to celebrate.

Over the summer the Center will continue to be very productive. There will be a six week summer session where over twenty-five new dyslexic children will begin Orton-Gillingham tutoring. On June 16 there will be a walk-a-thon, called Join Hands day, to raise funds for the Learning Center. In the Fall, mark your calendars for the third annual IREM golf outing on September 13.

The Center is very young. It is a wonderful opportunity for many people to help as we teach children to read, write and spell. An opportunity for many to join in as we teach children to succeed in school and in our community. Please feel free to **call the Learning Center for more information at 317-251-5703.**

Deputy's Message

SECRECY AND THE FRATERNITY

Recently, my attention was directed to an article from The Oregonian, in which the reporter stated that one of the initiation ceremonies of the Southern Jurisdiction had been

made public. This article has elicited much discussion concerning the so-called secret ceremonies of the Masonic fraternity. The Shrine in some states has

opened its degrees to the public. As Deputy of Indiana, I have received many requests to open degrees to the public, especially the George Washington Degree. I serve on the Ritual Committee of the Supreme Council and we have discussed this issue as recently as April 2001.

The arguments in favor of making degrees public fall into several categories.

Many maintain that the degrees are not secret since you can purchase books on Freemasonry. Many of the enemies of Freemasonry quote what they allege to be passages of the ritual to bolster their arguments that Freemasonry is evil. Some make the point that by claiming secrecy, we cause the public to suspect the worst about Freemasonry. Others contend that the very positive teachings of Freemasonry should be made

public in order to attract good men into the fraternity. Still others assert that the negative aspects of the secrecy surrounding the organization negate much of the good work of the fraternity, while others state that secret societies are elitist and have no place in a democratic society.

Speculative Freemasonry is a course of moral instruction, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. It is unique in that its teachings are religious in nature and supportive of religious institutions but it is not a religion and does not permit religious discussions within its meetings. It contributes much to charity but charity is a by-product of its teachings. It promotes citizenship and obedience to the law yet it is not a political organization and forbids political discussion within its meetings. It has many projects that serve to improve the community but these are by-products of its teachings

Masonry's "grand aim is to teach, encourage, and inspire ...so that God may be glorified..."

and do not classify it as a service club. To quote from the prologue of the Public Installation of Officers, "Its grand aim is to teach, encourage and inspire those who join its ranks to take their places in society as responsible citizens, each with a genuine concern for his fellow men, to the end that God may be glorified and His children may live together on this

earth as brothers."

I support a private over either a secret or public approach to the performance of the degrees of the fraternity. As a fraternity, we have a right to meet in private. When the Board of Directors of a major corporation meets, the public is not invited in, yet, they are not considered a secret organization. It would be my hope that Scottish Rite would continue

...a private organization that can freely discuss ethics and morals taught by our degrees...

to be a private organization but could freely discuss the basic ethics and morals that are taught by the Scottish Rite degrees. We should consider revising or replacing some degrees to assist us to broaden our efforts to deal with the major issues facing our world today. We should not identify our fraternity as a secret organization but instead should identify it as a private organization. We should not make our ritual public but should acknowledge that much of it is in the public domain. We should answer all questions about the fraternity as honestly as possible but should not invite the public to our initiation ceremonies. The initiation ceremonies are designed to be most effective in a private setting. Therefore, the ceremonies that teach, encourage and inspire should remain private while the truths, ethics, and morals that are taught should be public.



Bill C Anthis



Members of the Scottish Rite Widow's Friendship Circle enjoyed food, fellowship, and entertainment on Monday, May 7, 2001 in the beautiful Ballroom. If you are a Scottish Rite Widow you are welcome to join the group on the 1st Monday of each month (except Sept). For more info call Virginia Galyean 359-3474, Jenny Brunnsma at 251-7176, or the office at 262-3100.

Summer Tour Dates

The Cathedral will be open for tours on three Saturdays this summer: **June 9th** - in conjunction with the Police & Fire Games; **July 7th** - Lion's Club Intn'l Convention; and, **August 4th** - The day before the Brickyard 400. The building is available to the public from **9 am to 2 pm** and tours are FREE! Groups of 10 or more should call in to reserve a time. Tours are 45 mins in length. Normal weekday tours are from 10 am til 2:30 pm.



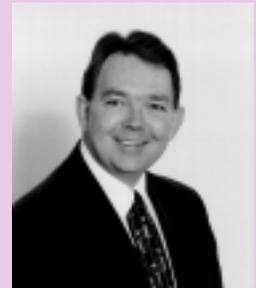
Four brothers were recently recognized at the Worker's Appreciation Dinner by Dave Hollingsworth, outgoing TPM (third from left) for demonstrating their dedication to the Valley of Indianapolis by outstanding participation in at least 10 Convocations. (L to R) Dale Adams, John Gray, and Trace Miller. Tim Murphy also received the award.

Campaign for the Cathedral

What a great fraternity we have associated ourselves with! Since mid March I have been visiting with our members individually discussing the Foundation, the Cathedral and the role they can play in its preservation. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your courtesy and hospitality.

One of the most common questions I am asked is, "How can I help?" There are many ways an individual can be of assistance.

One of the simplest and easiest methods is a cash gift. This type of gift is also the most popular because the donor appreciates the tax deduction that this type of gift provides.



A donor who contributes a cash gift will be recognized annually by becoming a holder of one of the following:

- The Stonecutter's Mark**
honors donations of less than \$100 per year.
- The Positioning Mark**
honors donations between \$100 and \$250.
- The Mark of Provenance**
honors donations between \$250 and \$500.
- The Master's Mark**
honors donations between \$500 and \$1000.
- The Mark of Honor**
recognizes donations in excess of \$1000.

All gifts should be forwarded to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation, 650 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

If I can be of any assistance to you, I can be reached at (317) 262-3122, (800) 489-3579 Ext. 244.

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Through the Cathedral Window

Affluenza

by Jerry B Collins, 33°
Editor

In 1918, a virus of influenza swept this country and in just one year 500,000 Americans died. In Vietnam we lost 50,000 men – 10 times that many died in a single year as a result of the flu. As that virus swept around the world 5 million people were killed in that single year. As bad as that was, several centuries earlier, there was a plague that was even worse called the "Black Plague". Some historians say that a third to half of Europe was wiped out. They did not know what was causing this death – some entire villages were wiped out in a matter of weeks. Ultimately, 40-60 million people died by the black death. We now know what the cause was: it was an epidemic caused by fleas living on rats. Fleas would attach themselves to people and infect them. It was horrible. Today we have a plague that is sweeping across America and attaching itself to our families. It's not influenza, it is affluenza, and you don't get it from rats, you get it from vigorously participating in the infectious rat race.

It's a very slow moving spiritual virus that gets into the thinking of good people and causes them to make choices that are unwise. Affluenza distorts our

thinking. Affluenza distorts our judgment. Affluenza eventually causes us to sacrifice our children on the altar of success. There is nothing wrong with success or drive, but there is something wrong with being driven. The scriptures say that whatever we do we are to do our work well. But we live in a culture where there is tremendous pressure to be successful. Success can be culturally broken down into three components: you are successful if you have an elevation in wealth, an elevation in power, or an elevation in privilege. If you have any, or all of these things, you are an American success.

Contentment is destroyed by comparison. We compare house size, wallet size, car size. We are constantly bombarded by advertising to make comparisons that disrupt our feeling of contentment. Do we really need the latest and greatest widget? The biggest house on the block? The biggest SUV? How much is enough?

Affluenza is killing our families because of what we are subjectively teaching our children by our accumulation of unnecessary material goods. How much is enough?

Two years ago I gave up my 3500 sq ft home on Geist Reservoir, my boat, my SUV, my Rolex and I can truly tell you I feel freer than I have ever felt before. I successfully dropped out of the rat race. I now spend more quality time with my kids and my God. I am better for it and my kids are better for it.

Inoculate yourself against affluenza.

Jos 24: 14-15 Php 4:11-13 Hag 1:5-11 Rev 3:14-22

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A few of the children at the
Installation of Officers May 4th.

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