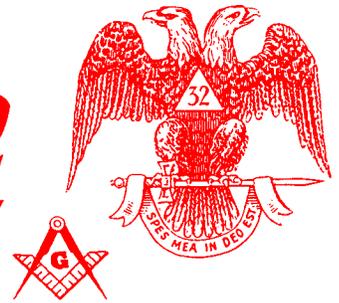


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Busy September Begins Full Season of Valley Activities

Just trying to keep up with the events in September is enough to overload your Palm Pilot. Traditional events such as the Bean Supper and Ladies' Luncheon mix with two golf outings to provide a wide variety for our members. Also, the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction will hold its annual meeting in Indianapolis in late September with our Valley as the host. Pull out the refrigerator card, order your tickets and get set for some exciting happenings in your Valley.

The 57th Annual Bean Supper on September 7th will once again kickoff fall activities in the Valley. This is one of the largest events of the year and is absolutely free to members and their Masonic guests. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm and will be followed by a speaker. Dr. Charles Petty will bring his unique blend of humor and wisdom to us. Hailing from North Carolina, he has addressed businesses and associations across the country.

Our semiannual Valley Golf Outing will be held on September 10th at Westwood Country Club in New Castle. \$50 per person includes golf, dinner and great

fellowship. Don't unload the clubs just yet and play for the benefit of the Indianapolis Masonic Learning Center for Children outing on September 13th at Morningstar Golf Course in Indianapolis.

September 18th is the first of a series of four Ladies' Luncheons this year. Season and single luncheon tickets are available through the office. Also on the agenda in September is the Institute of Freemasonry on the 18th and a benefit concert at the Little Nashville Opry on the 28th.

Participation in these events will enhance your membership. This year, the Valley is offering several ticket packages with discounts for ordering in advance of the October 1st general sale date. You can choose from the Family Event Package (Father/Son and Father/Daughter Banquets, Halloween Party, Christmas Party); Music Package (Purdue Glee Club, Holiday and the Rite, Orchestra/Chorus/Organ Concerts); or Dinner and Dancing Package (New Year's Dinner Dance, Sweetheart Dinner Dance). See your calendar of events

book or visit our website for details. As always, tickets are available by calling the Valley office at 262-3100 or going on-line at www.aastr-indy.org.



How to build a membership

Committed to Charity

**Jeff Saunders, 33°
Executive Director**

One of the comments I often hear from members is how proud they are to be associated with a fraternity that stands for principles that are so important in today's society. This pride is one of the reasons why so many men remain members even though they do not participate in our activities on a regular basis.

The Strategic Plan of 32nd degree Masons, which was recently updated by our Supreme Council, has as one of its eight key strategies "to be recognized as a fraternal organization committed to charity."

Our Valley has been blessed with leaders who have had the foresight to provide for funds to improve the community along with the continuing generosity of members who support our charities. Last year, the Valley of Indianapolis "gave back" over \$125,000 to the central Indiana community through a range of gifts from funds for medical research at Indiana University to sponsoring local social studies teachers to attend a Freedoms Foundation program at Valley Forge. In between are gifts to Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the United Way, Indiana Crime Prevention Coalition, Police Athletic League, Meals on Wheels, Crossroads Rehabilitation Center, Goodwill Industries and the Ronald McDonald House. Add to that funds designated to Masonic related organizations like the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation, Scottish Rite Museum and Library, each of the three Masonic youth groups and the Murat Shrine Transportation Fund and Shrine Circus. Our youth received \$25,000 in college scholarships through the Abbott Scholarship program.

Perhaps one of the charitable endeavors of which you should be most proud is the support of the 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center for Children. Every issue of the Double Eagle has an article in support of this marvelous outreach, which is funded mainly from the Supreme Council with local funding for facilities and administration. Total operating costs last year were nearly \$150,000. No endeavor is more indicative of the fraternity's charitable commitment than in the daily one on one tutoring of children with dyslexia that occurs throughout the school year and a summer session in the facility at North Park Masonic Lodge. It is estimated that 15% to 20% of population suffers

from this learning disability to some degree and remedial tutoring, if it is available at all, is often very expensive. Scottish Rite Masons provide this tutoring free of charge on a first come first served basis to children from age 6 to 18. The results are remarkable and while pre and post tutoring testing show improved language skills, the dramatic increase in self-confidence is just as gratifying.

The 32nd degree Masons of Indianapolis Valley are committed to charity and you should be proud of your role in making a difference in the world.

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Scottish Rite Golf Outing

Monday, September 10th

**Westwood Country Club
New Castle \$50 per person
Shotgun Start at 12 noon
Dinner at 6 pm at Country Club**

Register your foursome by sending reservation and check to the Scottish Rite Office by Monday, September 3rd.

If you need help finding a foursome or need more information, contact Charles Fromer at (317) 885-5942. We're gonna have fun!



Father/Daughter Dinner

This year's Father/Daughter Banquet will feature The Singing Hoosiers on our beautiful Auditorium stage beginning at 7:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased on our website or at the ofron office for \$8 per person. Come one hour earlier and be treated to a sumptuous dinner for just \$2 more. The benefits of membership have never been so good! Make plans now to bring your daughter, granddaughter or just a great friend to see our beautiful Cathedral. Friday, October 5th at 6:30.



THE SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL DRAMATIC CAST PRESENTS

“OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS”

OCTOBER 12,13,19, AND 20 AT 7:30 P.M.

What do you do when your only grandson, who does everything for you, plans to move away? You plot to get him married so he can't "abandon" you. His maternal and paternal grandparents invite he and his "intended" to dinner and the hilarity begins. This hilarious comedy is suitable for the whole family.

Find free tickets, good on any night, to this hilarious comedy attached to this insert. Additional tickets are available by calling the Scottish Rite office at (317) 262-3100 or toll free at (800) 489-3579. Tickets are free to Scottish Rite members and their guests. General Public - \$6.00.

The Column

Our First Two Indpls Homes

By William K. Bissey
Editor, Indiana Freemason

In late 1863, the newly formed Adoniram Lodge of Perfection, U. D. negotiated the rental of rooms on the fourth floor of a building located on the northeast corner of Meridian and Washington Streets. Known as the Yohn Block, this was the first home of what eventually became the bodies comprising the Valley of Indianapolis, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.



Growing membership caused the Lodge to rent the remainder of the fourth of the Yohn Block.

However, by February of 1873 membership in the Lodge of Perfection had expanded and a new home was needed. The new quarters, which

were leased for a period of ten years, were on the upper two floors of the new Baldwin Block under construction at the southeast corner of Delaware and Market Streets.

Continued growth of membership resulted in the rental of the second floor of the Baldwin Block in 1880. And there was a growing desire for the Valley to have "a home of its own".

Late in 1882 a committee was formed to search for a new home for the Valley. At a meeting in early 1883, the committee expressed its preference for the

Townsley and Wiggins building located at 29-35 South Pennsylvania Street. Known as the "Pork House" the building was a brick edifice with five stories in the front and six stories in the back.



"Pork House" 1883-94

October 10, 1883 was the date of the first meeting in the new "home" of the Valley. A fire broke out on November 3, 1894 in the Indiana Dental College that was next door to the "Pork House". The fire broke through the wall and engulfed the first permanent home of the Indianapolis Valley.

Temporary quarters were secured so that the Valley could continue to function. A special committee recommended to rebuild on the site of the destroyed "Pork House". A new nine story Temple was built and dedicated on November 30, 1896.

Continued growth in membership resulted in overcrowding of the new facility. Another special committee was appointed. Its recommendation in February 1904 was that the current structure

could not be expanded in a practicable fashion and a new building was needed.

Enthusiasm for a new building waned but regained its strength in 1912. In that year a committee recommended a site on the northwest corner of Meridian and North Streets. The proposal was approved and the site was purchased.

A new building committee was appointed in early 1922. By 1927 plans were perfected and approved for a new Cathedral to be built on the previously site. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on May 3, 1927. This was followed by a cornerstone ceremony on November 29, 1927.

The first meeting was held in the new building on October 17, 1928. A grand and glorious dedication ceremony was held on September 20, 1929, the eve of the Great Depression. The Valley survived and has thrived in the Cathedral. It is now up to us to keep it beautiful and active.



2nd Home: 1896-1929

Learning Center News

With thirty-five students, eight tutors and eight tutor-trainees, the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children was a busy place for the six week summer session. Of the thirty-five children, twenty were new students at the Center. This was the greatest increase to date and all things considered, it was a smooth transition. It was also a very diverse group of students ranging from "Kim" (age 6) just entering first grade to "Pete" (age 13) entering eighth grade. Certainly these students had different needs but both made significant progress. Kim (who had previously been expected to repeat kindergarten) learned that letters had sounds that could be blended together into words. Pete told his tutor after spelling the word **"problem"**, "you know at the beginning of the summer I wouldn't have heard the sounds in that word, and even if I had I wouldn't have had any idea how to spell them."

Address comments to:

sitedirector@indylearningcenter.org

Pete never missed a session. He has gained basic tools for reading and writing for the first time, despite years of special education. And more than that, he has gained confidence in his ability to learn. At the same time, Kim will enter first grade with basic phonemic awareness necessary to learn and avoid the failure of remaining behind her classmates. In between these two students are another thirty-three, each who will start the year with new skills necessary for a successful education.

In addition to these children's successful summer, there are eight new teachers with new tools. Educating new tutors is another goal of the Center and that too has increased momentum this summer. Teachers from as far as Bloomington came four days a week for training and a supervised practicum. These Trainees are required to have 100 hours of actual tutoring with supervision before the Scottish Rite can certify them. So they will be returning in the fall. Three



other trainees will also be coming in the fall to make a total of eleven. This allows the work of the Center to extend far beyond the actual walls. The more classroom teachers trained, the greater the ability to recognize dyslexia and the ability to actually help the children.



Walk-A-Thon Participants

The Center's Board of Directors has also been seeking sources for raising funds for the Center. On such resource materialized this summer. With the help of Kim McBride, The Degree of Honor Protective Association: A National Fraternal Life Insurance Society, held the first annual Join Hands Day Walk-a-thon to benefit the Learning Center on June 16th. This ten-kilometer event was fun and a beginning to a base of needed fund-raising for the Center.

Deputy's Message

Why Have We Reached This Point?

Dwight D. Eisenhower once said, "Neither a wise man nor a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him." We must keep in mind that membership is

not a cause but a symptom of our problem and we have been treating the symptom for a long time. A perfect example is our one-day classes, which, by the way, have enabled two

**Bill C Anthis**

of our Indiana Valleys to have membership increases for the first time in many years. Let me be clear, I am in full support of one-day classes but while this will temporarily relieve the symptom, it will not solve the membership problem. The membership malady that affects our fraternity is also afflicting churches, service clubs, and other patriotic organizations. In each of

...the relaxed frog got comfortable and fell asleep...

these cases, the product is good, the purpose is noble, and the cause is just but there is a need to change the manner in which the product is being presented. The truths, ethics, and morals that we teach cannot and should not be changed. They are timeless. The manner in which they are presented needs to be examined.

How did we arrive at our present state, and why wasn't the cause of the problem recognized much earlier. In answering these questions, we need to consider the story of the two frogs that were dropped into two pans of water. The first pan of water was hot and that frog immediately noticed the abrupt change and jumped out.

...technology changes society profoundly...

The second pan of water was comfortable and that frog relaxed and went to sleep. The frog did not notice that the second pan of water was on a stove and was eventually overcome by the heat.

The evolution of our society over the past century has profoundly affected our fraternity. I am old enough to remember the advent of television, jet aircraft, the computer, cell phone, and many other technological developments. The effect of these changes on the behavior of our society has been so gradual that we, as leaders of the fraternity, have failed to take them into account.

There is more competition for the time of individuals. Increased opportunities for a multitude of activities have consumed our schedules. Young people are no longer working in their parents' stores or farms, and in other vocations where children traditionally have worked alongside of their parents. This makes it more important for parents to spend nonworking hours with their children and spouses.

The government has gradually expanded services to provide for the elderly, the orphan, and for other individuals who may need food, clothing, shelter, and health care. Numerous organizations are providing for leadership training, moral guidance, and opportunities for service. These changes have been so gradual that our fraternity, like the frog, has not taken steps to change as society has changed.

Freemasonry must evolve by divesting ourselves of those programs that are being better served by other institutions and focus on needs that are not being met in our society. I commend Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston for changing the focus from previous Scottish Rite charities to Children's Learning

...we must have courage to make needed changes...

Centers. This is an excellent example of refocusing our energies and resources.

Yogi Berra had it right when he stated, "the future ain't what it used to be". While we are not prophets, neither are we completely blind to what the gradually changing needs of our society mean for the future. We must have the courage to make those changes for our fraternity to survive and prosper. There is an old adage that he who does not look ahead remains behind. To paraphrase Thomas Jefferson, "the glorious history of the past must make way for the priority of the unfulfilled dreams of the future".

Halloween Party



This year's Children's Halloween Party will be held in the Banquet Hall on Sunday afternoon October 28th at 3 pm. It is one of the highlights of the year for kids of all ages. Along with the haunted house, game playing, and lots of sweet

treats, 7 different age groups will compete for judging of the most original costumes. So get your make-up on along with your scariest outfit and join us for a "Boo" of a time because it's FREE to members and their guests.

Christmas Pigs

The Pork Chop Review with live pigs and Santa Claus will be featured at our Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15th at 2 pm in the Auditorium. This event is FREE to members and their guests. Your dues are working for you!



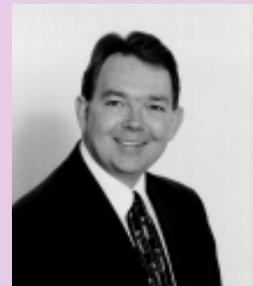
Golf Outing to Aid Learning Center

Coming on September 13th is the **3rd Annual IREM Golf Outing** to benefit the Learning Center. This year the outing will be held at the Morningstar Golf Club in Indianapolis. The golf outing is fun, full of prizes, and a good dinner follows. This is a great way to support the Center either by sponsoring a hole, playing or donating door prizes. For more information on this event contact Terry Musen at 236-0048.

Campaign for the Cathedral

On a beautiful sun-drenched Sunday afternoon last month, approximately 500 people arrived at the Cathedral for a reception honoring those who have made contributions to the Cathedral Foundation.

The day began with a welcome from Trustee Phil Kappes, 33°: "Without your generous contributions, we would not have been able to accomplish our goals." Several people were singled out and given special recognition for their unselfish assistance and contributions to the success of Phase 1.



The program included an outstanding demonstration of the new lights, controls and riggings on the stage and in the auditorium. Assistant Dramatic Director, Rich Sharp, 33° explained what our capabilities used to be with the old system and what we can now do with the new computer controlled system.

Former Trustee, Chuck Brandt, 33° discussed some of the more technical aspects of installing a new air conditioning system that will now cool all public areas of the Cathedral.

Jeff Saunders, 33° Executive Director of the Valley capped off the program by announcing Phase 2 of our campaign. The projects outlined were:

- Restoring the Ballroom,
- Upgrading the elevator controls,
- Installing new freight elevators,
- Restoring the organ and carillon, and
- New sound systems in the banquet hall and auditorium.

For more information on how you can help please contact the Cathedral Foundation office (317) 262-3121, (800) 489-3579 ext. 285.

E-mail: foundation@asr-indy.org

Through the Cathedral Window

Help Wanted Moving Bricks

by Jerry B Collins, 33° - Editor

A bricklayer had 500 pounds of brick to move from the top of a 4 story building to the sidewalk below. His problem: **he tried to do it alone.** Here are his own words taken from his medical insurance claim form: "It would have taken too long to take the bricks down by hand so I decided to put them in a barrel and lower them by pulley which I had fastened to the top of the building. After tying the rope securely at ground level, I went to the top of the building, fastened the rope around the barrel, loaded it with bricks and swung it over the side for the descent. I went to the sidewalk and tried holding it securely to guide the barrel down slowly, but since I weigh only 150 lbs, the 500 lb load jerked me from the ground so fast that I didn't have time to think of letting go of the rope. As I passed between the 2nd and 3rd floors, I met the barrel coming down, which explains the bruises and lacerations on my back. I held tightly to the rope until I reached the top where my thumb jammed in the pulley, thus breaking it. At the same time the barrel hit the sidewalk with a bang and the bottom fell out, and with the weight of the bricks gone, the empty barrel came up while I was going down and landed on the pile of bricks which accounts for my broken collarbone. At this point, I lost my presence of mind and let go of the rope and the empty barrel came crashing down on me which finally accounts for my head injuries. As for the last question on the form, "What would you do differently if the same situation arose again?" Please be advised that I am finished trying to do this job all by myself."

The load of responsibility and leadership is too heavy for us to do all by ourselves. You can't do it alone

says Paul in *I Corinthians 12:12-27*: "In the body, the eye cannot say to the hand 'I don't need you!' And the head can't say to the feet, 'I don't need you!'"

The only cell in our body that exists for itself is a cancer cell. Cancer cells are intent only on multiplying more cells like itself. The cancer cell does not care for the well being of the body, it is centered on itself and reproducing only cells like itself. Thus it becomes a deadly force in the body. For a body to live and thrive physically it must have a concern to share its life among all its cells and allow for the diversity of cells to function.

We need each other. Our faith draws us corporately together whether through faith in the love of Christ or through the teachings of the Scroll of the Law or the Koran. Through our faith journey we are invisibly bound together by the Spirit and love of our Creator.

As a community of faith, we look to the metaphor of "a body" to see how we are to join together in carrying the weight of the responsibilities Christ has given each of us to be his Church. So it is, my brothers in the Scottish Rite. We each have time, talents, and money that God has enriched our lives with and we should certainly apportion something back to our beloved fraternity.

As we kick off a new season with our 57th Annual Bean Supper, I ask you, What will your cell give so that the body may prosper and thrive and grow in the future? **There are over 38 active committees that help run our Cathedral's Programs. How will you become more active this year?**

(Thanks to Dr Jim Riley for this inspiration.)

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Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis

Activity Schedule

September through December 2001

Wed Sep 5 - Stated Meeting - 7 pm

Fri Sep 7 - Bean Supper - 6:30 pm

Reservation Card included in this Issue.

Mon Sep 10 - Valley Golf Outing - Noon

Westwood CC - New Castle - \$50 incl dinner.

Thur Sep 13 - Learning Center Golf - Noon

Morningstar GC - Indpls - \$125 incl lunch & dinner
Benefit fund raiser for our philanthropic charity.

Tues Sept 18 - Ladies Luncheon - 12:15 pm

"Forget Me Not, Dolls of Cloth" - \$12

Season Tickets (4 Luncheons) \$40.

Tues Sep 18 - Institute of Freemasonry- 7 pm

"The Story of Roselyn Chapel".

Fri Sep 28 - Little Nashville Opry - 8 pm

Proceeds benefit The Learning Center - \$6.

Wed Oct 3 - Stated Meeting - 7 pm

Fri Oct 5 - Father/Daughter Banquet - 6:30 pm

The Singing Hoosiers - 7:30 pm - \$10.

Fri, Sat Oct 12, 13, 19, 20 - Fall Play - 7:30 pm

"Over the River and Through the Woods"

Members & guests - FREE / General Public \$6

Dinner Buffet 5-7 pm

Tues Oct 16 - Institute of Freemasonry - 7 pm

"Indpls Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation"

Sun Oct 28 - Children's Halloween Party - 3 pm

Bring all the 'Lil Hobgoblins - Free to Members

**Call 262-3100 in Indpls or 1-800-489-3579
for more information and reservations.**

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Wed Nov 7 - Stated Meeting - 7 pm

Sun Nov 10 - Fall Entertainment - 5 & 7:30 pm

"Reflections of the American Spirit"

by the Wulfe Brothers Band - Patriotism & Humor

Members & guests - FREE / General Public \$10

Dinner - 5pm; Show in Auditorium - 7:30 pm

Fri Nov 16 - Fall Convocation - 12 Noon

4th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, & 18th Degrees

Be sure to bring your passport for certification stamps.

Sat Nov 17 - Fall Convocation - 9 am

24th, 28th, 20th, 27th, 32nd Degrees

Be sure to bring your passport for certification stamps.

Tue Nov 20 - Institute of Freemasonry - 7 pm

"Masonic Conservatories"

Wed Dec 5 - Stated Meeting - 7 pm

Sat Dec 8 - Orchestra/Organ/Chorus Concert

Members & guests - FREE / General Public \$6

Buffet - 5-7 pm; Show in Auditorium - 7:30 pm

Fri Dec 14 - Holiday Music Show

"Home For Christmas" - Music by Mike Williamson

Members & guests - \$5 / General Public \$10

Dinner - 5pm; Show in Auditorium - 7:30 pm

Sat Dec 15 - Ladies Luncheon - 11:30 am

"Christmas with Jim Young" - \$12

A Holiday Program with all of your favorites.

Sat Dec 15 - Children's Christmas Party - 2 pm

"Pork Chop Review" - with live pigs! & **Santa Claus**

Free to Members' Children, Grandchildren, & Guests of Members.

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All Performances 7:30 pm

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57th Annual Bean Supper

Yes! I Plan to attend the 57th Annual Bean Supper on Friday, Sept. 7th at 6:30 pm (Indianapolis Time). Please set a place for me! I'm looking forward to joining my friends and brothers in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Banquet Hall for a great evening of food, entertainment, and fellowship.

- I will be attending by myself.
- I will have _____ Master Mason guests in my party.

Total _____

Name _____

Dues Card Number _____

57TH ANNUAL BEAN SUPPER
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2001
6:30 P.M. (INDIANAPOLIS TIME)

The annual Bean Supper is always our biggest gathering and serves as our fall kickoff event for our new season. Enjoy a great meal, and a motivational speaker for an enjoyable evening.

Dr Charles Petty, CSP, a family humorist, will be our speaker for the evening. Dr. Petty's "Climb The Ladder of Success And Take Your Family With You" uses humor with a powerful life-changing message. You'll laugh and learn, have a fun-filled time, and hear something that could change your life and career for the better.

Enjoy a great meal, and this highly motivated speaker for an enjoyable evening. Bring a Master Mason as your guest and introduce him to the Scottish Rite and our beautiful Cathedral. We encourage you to bring any petitions you have for our November class! Petitions are available through the Scottish Rite office by calling local 317-262-3100 or toll free at 1-800-489-3579, or by visiting our website at www.aasr-indy.org.



What does this guy
have to do with the
Bean Supper? Return
the card below and find
out! (He's *very* funny.)

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PO BOX 441566
INDIANAPOLIS IN 46244-1566



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