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Elrod Elected New Deputy of Indiana

by Stephen C Chapman
Thrice Potent Master

Robert G. Elrod 33^o was elected Deputy Sovereign Grand Commander for Indiana during Supreme Council in September. The Illustrious Brother was crowned with the 33^o in 1990, and has served as an Active member of the Supreme Council since 1992. The Indianapolis Valley hosted a reception for Brother Elrod on Oct. 21, and several hundred friends and well-wishers were on hand to hear his vision for the coming years in Scottish Rite Masonry. (See page 8 for his vision.)

The new deputy will serve as Commander in Chief of the Indiana Council of Deliberation and presides over what has been described as the youngest corps of Actives in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The Active members in Indiana were introduced and included two "new" faces: Ill. Bill C. Anthis 33^o has assumed duties as an active upon his retirement as Deputy and Commander in Chief of the Indiana Council of Deliberation; and, Ill. Gail N. Kemp 33^o was named an Active Member of the Supreme Council during September's meetings in Indianapolis. Brother Kemp is Past Grand

Master of Indiana and serves as Minister of State in the Indiana Council of Deliberation.

Professionally, Elrod has practiced law in Central Indiana since his graduation from Harvard. He has served as legal counsel to the Indianapolis City-County Council for a quarter of a Century. Fraternally, Brother Elrod currently serves as Worshipful Master of Century Lodge N^o 764. He is also an honorary member of the DeMolay Supreme Council, and has been active in DeMolay work during his sons' involvement over the years. In addition to his nine years of service as an Active, Elrod has served on numerous committees of Supreme Council.



Robt G Elrod

Brother Elrod was also recognized for his efforts to restore normal relations with Prince Hall jurisdictions, and he was presented with a token of affection by Ill. Algie S. Oldham Jr. 33^o, Lt. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Prince Hall Affiliation, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Brother Elrod is married to Beverly who is active with the 32^o Masonic Learning Center in Indianapolis, The couple resides on the Indianapolis south-side, and they have four sons.

How to build a membership

Valley Programs are Family Focused

**Jeff Saunders, 33°
Executive Director**

For the past few issues, I have commented on the Strategic Plan for 32° Masons and one its key strategies. Another of those strategies is to "be endorsed by the entire family." Is the Scottish Rite meeting the social and ethical needs of families in today's society? Are our programs family focused and do members and their families have a long-term commitment to the Fraternity? These are questions that are asked each time an activity is planned and each time budget dollars are allocated for a program.

The Family Life Committee is charged with planning and implementing programs focused specifically on family participation. Committee Chairman Cary Snyder and his wife, Audrey (*see picture on Page 11*), contribute greatly to our family-focused programs. This fall nearly 500 Fathers and Daughters met and enjoyed entertainment by the Singing Hoosiers. On October 28th, the Banquet Hall was turned into a large Halloween Party with games for our families' children including a Haunted House and a costume contest. One of the most popular entertainments of the year is the Children's Christmas party in December with Santa Claus and a great children's show in the auditorium. Throughout the year we have family events such as a night at an Indianapolis Indians baseball game, plays, entertainments, and events for couples like the Sweetheart Dance and New Year's Dinner Dance. At each event, Scottish Rite Freemasonry and the lessons we teach are on display. Budgets for family events are the largest commitment of funds for any program in the Valley.

Beyond the annual activities, the Scottish Rite reaches out to families, widows of members and others in the community to reinforce our commitment to be family-focused. One of the newer but more vibrant groups that meet in the Cathedral is the Friendship Circle made up of widows of members. This monthly meeting is a great time to meet friends over lunch and a program. The Double Eagle is distributed to a wide range of friends of the Scottish

Rite in the community and its focus continues to be on emphasizing what we as Masons are about while informing members of activities in the Valley. The Scottish Rite Foundation distributes funds to community organizations focused on family such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters, United Christmas Service, and distribution of college scholarships.

As you count the benefits of your membership, I hope you will identify with a Fraternity that benefits not only the individual member, but his whole family as well.

Jeffrey K. Saunders

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1 & 2 Year olds



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Potentate's Message

Pray for Peace in 2002

As the time closes down for me as Potentate of Murat Shrine, I must take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity and courtesy to have this space to address my Scottish Rite Brothers. One thing that we have here in the Indianapolis Valley is a true Masonic relationship between the Rites and the Shrine. We now have to work even harder to maintain the true meaning of brotherhood and let no rules keep us from maintaining the great relationship that we have enjoyed in the past and will pursue in the future. I can assure you that every member of Murat's Divan seeks to keep this relationship in tack for the future of both our fraternities.



John A Cinotto

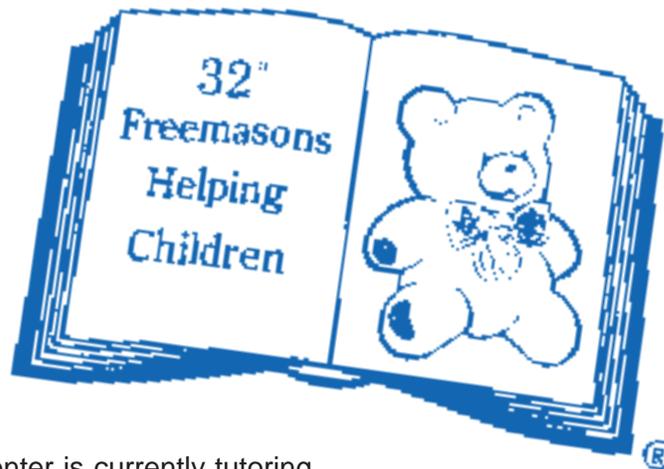
This joyful season should ring in rejoicing to us at this New Year, but with many clouds of uncertainty around us we need to join together with family, friends and our fraternal brothers to enjoy the true meaning of the New Year ahead. No matter what religion we practice we must come together in keeping our nation united and in the hands of the Almighty to direct us in our daily lives.

We need to be thankful for the sacrifices that our armed men and women make to insure our freedom and pray that they be delivered from harms way. As a former serviceman I can tell you that this time of year is the worst time to be away from home and loved ones. Our prayers and wishes should be for all to return home safely to their families and our

world will be a safe and peaceful place for all mankind.

I hope that you have the same opportunity that I have had to serve our great Masonic Family. I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed this past year as Murat Potentate and to have the privilege to wear the ring of a 33° Scottish Rite Mason -- that was an honor beyond belief. I plan to seek the office of Imperial Outer Guard of the Shrine of North America in 2002 and will work to strengthen Masonic relationship for the future of both our fraternities. Thank you all for your friendship and courtesies extended to my Divan and me. ***God keep us strong in Masonry together.***

Learning Center News



The Learning Center is currently tutoring 42 children. They range in age from 6 to 16. They come from as close as a few blocks and as far as Shelbyville, Franklin, New Palestine, and Noblesville. There are 9 tutors and 10 tutor trainees. It is busy and productive.

In trying to give some perspective on the kind of results the students are making at the Center we have averaged scores for students who completed a year of tutoring. These scores measure Word Attack, which is the ability to read unfamiliar words. For dyslexic students this is a strong indicator of their actual reading ability.

On average students are gaining in one year what it had taken them nearly four years to gain in their classrooms. These dramatic changes do not go unnoticed. Each day parents come to the Center and share reports about the changes they are observing not only in their child's classroom performance but also in their entire social outlook.

Tony's mother observed that at a recent family gathering one family member after another came up and commented how Tony's self-confidence had clearly improved. He is off medication and is no longer angry with himself for being "stupid."

Cathy didn't stay in kindergarten as was planned after getting tutoring this summer. In-

stead she is a happy first grader. She got all S's and S+'s on her first report card with one Outstanding in Art. She is learning to read along with her classmates. She certainly would have failed first grade without the tutoring.

Bill may well have been marking time before he could drop out of school. He was being threatened with retention when he was entering eighth grade. He was described as being lazy and uncooperative. Bill has never missed a tutoring session. He comes happy and eager to work. He started tutoring this summer. We believe that Bill will hang in there and graduate.

By monitoring the work we do with test scores, our effectiveness at the Center is crystal clear: Children's lives are permanently changed by individual tutoring. We are confident that this will have an impact on their lives that will go far beyond their years in school. ***We are celebrating children changing their attitude about themselves and that is a most wonderful mission for the Scottish Rite.***

Address comments to:
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Deputy's Message

Let Us Move Forward in Unity

**by Ill. Robert G. Elrod, 33°
Deputy for Indiana**

Being elected Deputy for Indiana is a great honor, but is without meaning unless we can move forward together. When reviewing the list of my predecessors, I can only hope that I will merit being among those legendary Masons who have held this position before me. I begin the duties of this office with a pledge that I will strive to lead the over forty thousand 32° degree Masons back to the preeminence we enjoyed several decades ago. My concept of leadership is not the popular political practice of trying to determine which way the populace is going and then get out in front of them. I hope to suggest where we need to go and some of the routes we should take.

I assumed this position shortly after the cowardly attacks in New York and Washington. While we all are rightly troubled by those actions, the response of patriotism and unity are signs of hope not only for the nation and the world, but also for Freemasonry. Our values of universal brotherhood, religious toleration and personal responsibility are once again acceptable to a society too long lost in moral relativism and victimization. Let us tell the world what Freemasonry is really about.

As Deputy, my goals are that we renew our commitment to our values and go forth in unity. There are many Masonic related groups, but we are all first Master Masons. The world needs more Master Masons. My pledge is that all we do be done in cooperation and coordination with all



of Freemasonry. All Masonic leaders have my commitment that we always work together for our common goals.

I have identified eight topics that I plan to emphasize as I begin my duties as Deputy. I hope all will join with me in these emphases:

One: Membership. We must encourage good men to become Masons.

Two: Support from leadership. The Actives and Council of Deliberation officers will become a more visible and active force

in promoting Scottish Rite Programs.

Three: Coordination and Cooperation: I will work to achieve greater cooperation and coordination among the leadership of Masonic organizations and among the officers of the valleys.

Four: Indiana Freemasonry Plan. The Indiana Freemasonry Task Forces will complete the project started last year and propose a public outreach program for Indiana Freemasonry.

Five: Youth Initiatives. We must attract more young men to Masonry.

Six. Involvement of our Ladies. More emphasis must be placed on making our ladies feel more a part of our activities.

Seven. Maximize participation. All of our programs must be evaluated to maximize participation by our members.

Eight. Use of 33rd Degree Members. All of you who have received the 33rd Degree took an obligation to become better leaders of Freemasonry.

Let me close by thanking those of you who have promised to help. ***My wish is that all Freemasons in Indiana will join me in emphasizing these matters.***

Campaign for the Cathedral

In an effort to keep you informed on the progress of Phase II projects, we are pleased to say that the new speakers for the Banquet Hall have arrived. These speakers were set up and used during the recent convocation. Although this was a temporary setup, and no fine-tuning was done, many favorable comments were received. We have since utilized the expertise of an audio engineer to place the speakers in the best possible location for total listening comfort.

The "Westminster Chime" system has arrived and is operational. The next time you are in the area, listen for the "singing tower" to strike the hour.

Other Phase II projects that are still on hold due to funding needs include: Pipe organ, \$225,000, Freight elevator, \$500,000, and Ballroom restoration, \$400,000. The dollar amounts listed are only estimations. Actual costs will vary.



Richard D. Hull

There are many different vehicles available for donors to make contributions to their favorite charities. One of today's most popular types of Charitable Gifts is a Charitable Remainder Unitrust. This is a highly advantageous way to benefit yourself and The Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation.

The federal government gives tax benefits to encourage you to support the Foundation through a unitrust. This can save estate taxes and probate costs as well as income taxes.

Example: Paul's unitrust provides that he is to receive 7% of the fair market value of the assets each year. Paul funds his trust with \$100,000. He would then receive \$7,000 the first year. The next year, the unitrust assets are worth \$110,000. Paul would receive \$7,700. This continues each year. There are many factors that determine your specific tax savings. Please consult your financial consultant for more information.

Valley Creates New Bylaws for the 21st Century

Happy New Year Brethren! I sincerely hope the coming year will bless all the members of this valley and those we hold dear.

The proposed new Bylaws (which follow on the next four pages) are the result of over a year's work by a diverse committee of past, present and future presiding officers and trustees. This committee was charged with the task of bringing our current Bylaws into conformity with the NMJ Supreme Council Constitution, current practices of the valley and creating an administrative framework that promotes efficiency and defines responsibility.

The committee's work began with a review of the current bylaws as well as several other previously proposed versions. After careful consideration, it was decided that a "cut and paste" revision would neither be feasible nor successful in accomplishing the stated goals.

At this point the work began in earnest to create, literally line by line, the proposed new Bylaws that were finally presented at our October stated meeting.

Since that time they have been scrutinized by the 29 officers and trustees of the Valley and were made available on the Valley web site for easy access by any member who was interested.

After a minor amendment was passed at the November stated meeting, the proposed new Bylaws were unanimously endorsed by the committee and are being published to the general membership of the valley as required in our current Bylaws. These proposed new Bylaws, which you now possess, will come to the floor for a vote of the general membership at the February stated meeting.

I sincerely hope that you will thoroughly review these proposed new Bylaws and lend your support to its successful passage. I can assure you that it was forged with zealous debate, diverse representation, and most importantly, the highest of motives born from a deep love of this fraternity.

Spes mea in Deo est. -- **Robert G. James, CIC**

PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS OF *THE SCOTTISH RITE, VALLEY OF INDIANAPOLIS*

ARTICLE I **PREAMBLE**

Sec. 1. **Parties Governed, Short Names.** These articles shall constitute the Rules and Regulations of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, and each of the four (4) constituent bodies, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J., namely, Adoniram Lodge of Perfection; Saraiah Council Princes of Jerusalem; Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix; and Indiana Consistory, S.P.R.S.

Sec. 2. **Effect of Amendments.** These Rules and Regulations of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis supersede all former Rules and Regulations of Adoniram Lodge of Perfection; Saraiah Council Princes of Jerusalem; Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix; and Indiana Consistory, S.P.R.S.; and such former Rules and Regulations are hereby repealed and annulled.

Sec. 3. **Definitions.** Adoniram Lodge of Perfection, shall be referred to herein as "Lodge"; Saraiah Council Princes of Jerusalem, as "Council"; Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix, as "Chapter"; Indiana Consistory, S.P.R.S., as "Consistory."

"The Four Constituent Bodies" shall be the Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistory. "The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis" shall comprise the Four (4) Constituent Bodies acting jointly and in unity, and shall comprise the Scottish Rite organization of this Valley in its entirety operating within an area in the state of Indiana as provided by Article 504 of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council.

The "Supreme Council" referred to herein shall be The Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

The "Council of Deliberation" referred to herein shall be The Council of Deliberation for the State of Indiana.

ARTICLE II **ALLEGIANCE**

Sec. 1. **Allegiance.** The Four (4) Constituent Bodies are chartered by and acknowledge allegiance to the Supreme Council; and are governed by the Constitutions and rituals of the Supreme Council and the Rules and Regulations of the Council of Deliberation. All such provisions of the Constitutions, rituals and other Rules and Regulations are hereby adopted and incorporated in these Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE III **FISCAL MATTERS**

Sec. 1. **Fiscal Body.** The Executive Committee shall be the fiscal body of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, and the business and prudential affairs of said Valley shall be conducted in and by said Executive Committee, which shall be charged with the custody, management, and control of all funds belonging to any and all of the Four Constituent Bodies.

Sec. 2. **Trustees' Responsibility and Authority.** The Trustees shall hold title to all property, both real and personal. They shall have the power, subject to the approval and/or direction of the Executive Committee, to invest funds, sell or transfer securities and properties, and execute all contracts, conveyances, deeds, mortgages, and all instruments in writing incident thereto; provided that any conveyance or mortgage of real estate shall also be approved by the Executive Committee at a regular stated meeting thereof; and provided further that the title to all property shall remain subject to all the obligations of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, and subject to Article 318 of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council.

ARTICLE IV **MEETINGS, QUORUM**

Sec. 1. **Stated Meetings.** The Stated Meetings of the Four Constituent Bodies shall be held jointly on the first Wednesday of each month except July and August at 7:00 P.M. In the event that such day shall fall on a legal Holiday, the meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. The Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge shall be the presiding officer at Stated and Special Meetings of the Four Constituent Bodies, when held jointly. In the absence of the Thrice Potent Master, the Deputy Master or next highest officer in the Lodge shall preside.

Sec. 2. **Special Meetings.** The presiding officers of the Four (4) Constituent Bodies may call special meetings, which may be held jointly; or the presiding officer of any of the Four Constituent Bodies may call special meetings to consider matters exclusively in the jurisdiction of his body. In the absence or disability of any presiding officer, the next most senior officer of that constituent body shall be entitled to preside and act in his stead.

Sec. 3. **Location of Meetings.** All stated and special meetings of any or all of the Four Constituent Bodies shall be held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, unless another location is selected by the Thrice Potent Master in the case of a joint meeting or in the case of a special meeting by the presiding officer of the constituent body convening the meeting. The members of each body shall be notified of the alternate location in writing at least 30 days prior to date of the meeting. Announcements in publications of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis shall be deemed sufficient notice.

Sec. 4. **Quorum.** A quorum for the transaction of business at joint meetings shall consist of one officer from each of the Four Constituent Bodies, a Trustee, Treasurer, and Secretary. In the event of the absence of a Trustee, Treasurer or Secretary, said individuals may designate any member to act as their designee.

**ARTICLE V
OFFICERS**

Sec. 1. **Officers of Subordinate Bodies.** The first three officers of the Consistory and Chapter and the first four officers of the Council and Lodge, together with the Treasurer and Secretary of each subordinate body, and the Trustees of the Lodge shall be elected. All other officers shall be appointed by the presiding officer. The officers of the Consistory, Chapter, Council and Lodge shall be elected annually. Voting for elective officers shall be by secret ballot and shall be held at the Stated Meeting next preceding the 31st day of May.

Sec. 2. **Trustees and Treasurer.** In addition to the Officers required by the Supreme Council, the Lodge shall have four (4) Trustees, elected as provided in Article V Section 1, whose terms shall be for two (2) years with two (2) elected each year. Except those Trustees serving at the time of the adoption of these bylaws, no Trustee shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive full terms not taking into account any partial term. The Treasurer, elected as provided in Article V, Section 1 shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms, not taking into account any partial term. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Trustee, or Treasurer, the Presiding Officers of the four constituent bodies shall make a recommendation to the Executive Committee for the purpose of filling the vacancy. The replacement so appointed shall serve until the next annual election at which time a successor shall be elected to serve the unexpired term of the office.

Sec. 3. **Nominations.** Nominations for the position of Trustee, Secretary and or Treasurer shall be made in writing by any member of the Four (4) Constituent Bodies and be received by the Secretary to the Four (4) Constituent Bodies on or before the first day of April. Said nominations shall be posted in the building at least twenty (20) days prior to the Annual Election.

Sec. 4. **Officer Screening Committee.** Any Brother who desires to become an officer of one of the four (4) constituent bodies must complete an application and be interviewed by the Officer Screening Committee (O.S.C.). The O.S.C. is empowered to recruit members. Officers shall encourage members of the Valley to petition the screening committee. When the candidate successfully completes the process, the officer who initiated the action maintains the first right of appointment to his line.

The O.S.C. is charged with interviewing members of the Indianapolis Valley who are willing to commit themselves to the six (6) to twelve (12) years required to be an officer of one of the four (4) constituent bodies of the Indianapolis Valley. The committee will not address the office of Trustee, Treasurer, or the advancement of officers already in line. The presiding officers shall only choose candidates from the list of members approved by the O.S.C.

The O.S.C. is subordinate to the Executive Committee and will annually report its findings to the Executive Committee at its December meeting. The O.S.C. shall consist of five (5) voting members composed of one past presiding officer from each constituent body and a representative from the general membership appointed by the Executive Committee who is not a past presiding officer, a current line officer, a staff member, or a sitting member of the Executive Committee. This representative appointed by the Executive Committee will be the chairman of the O.S.C.

A quorum shall consist of three members. The term of office on the O.S.C. will be two (2) years with a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. Upon the adoption of these bylaws, the following rotation shall apply: the representatives of the Lodge and Chapter shall be appointed in odd-numbered years and those of the Council and Consistory in even-numbered years.

The O.S.C. will annually review all names in the pool to ascertain current status. When the O.S.C. rejects a name, the committee must inform the Brother and the Executive Committee of the rejection.

Sec. 5. **Appointment of Committee Chairmen.** The Executive Committee shall appoint the chairmen of all committees.

Sec. 6. **Benevolent Funds.** The benevolent and Masonic Relief funds of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, shall be administered by the Hospitaler, who shall be appointed by the presiding officers of the Four Constituent Bodies, and he shall make an annual confidential report to the Executive Committee.

Sec. 7. **Secretary Compensation.** The Secretary of each of the Four Constituent Bodies may be compensated as determined by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 8. **Fiscal Management.** The Executive Director of the Valley shall keep a record of all accounts consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, consistently applied. For all accounts in the name of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, the following steps are to be followed:

1. Executive Director shall prepare a monthly reconciliation of all checking accounts.
2. The Treasurer shall review and approve each reconciliation on a monthly basis.

The Executive Committee shall authorize all accounts with such signatures, as it may deem advisable, at least one of which shall be manual.

**ARTICLE VI
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Sec. 1. **Duties.** There shall be an Executive Committee for the Valley, which shall function as a Board of Directors for the unincorporated association and carry out the duties normally performed by a Board of Directors of a domestic corporation.

Sec. 2. **Membership.** The Executive Committee shall be ten (10) members, consisting of the Thrice Potent Master as Chairman, the Deputy Master, the Sovereign Prince, the Most Wise Master, the Commander-in-Chief, the four Trustees and the Treasurer of the Lodge. In the absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Master shall preside. In the absence of the Thrice Potent Master and the Deputy Master, those in attendance with a

quorum shall elect a temporary Chairman from those present.

Sec. 3. **Voting.** All acts of the Executive Committee shall have the affirmative vote of a majority of those present in a duly held meeting. Six (6) members of said Committee shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Sec. 4. **Meetings.** Executive Committee shall meet monthly at a time designated by the Executive Committee and have such special meetings as the Thrice Potent Master shall designate after twenty-four (24) hours notice to each member, or written waiver thereof. The Executive Director shall call a special meeting of the Executive Committee on the written request of any three members thereof.

Sec. 5. **Compensation Committee.** The Executive Committee shall appoint a Compensation Committee of three officers to meet annually with the Executive Director to review his goals and job performance. The Compensation Committee is to annually review the Executive Director's salary and recommend to the Executive Committee, at its March meeting, adjustments based upon his performance and attainment of set goals and objectives. The Compensation Committee shall also annually review the salary bracket of the Executive Director to ensure that comparable market wages are being paid.

The Compensation Committee shall be made up of the following:

Treasurer – Regardless of the number of terms being served.

Trustee – A Trustee who shall serve for two years and be selected by the Trustees.

Deputy Master who shall also serve during his term as Thrice Potent Master. He shall be succeeded by the newly elected Deputy Master at the conclusion of his term as Thrice Potent Master.

**ARTICLE VII
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Sec. 1. **Powers and Duties.** The Executive Director shall be the administrative officer of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, and his acts, powers and duties shall at all times be subject to the approval and/or direction of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. **Selection.** The Executive Director shall be selected and employed by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. **Authority.** He shall employ all personnel, and direct or supervise their activities.

Sec. 4. **Director and Secretary Separate.** The duties of the Executive Director shall be separate from those of the Secretary of the Four Constituent Bodies of the Rite, but may or may not be performed by the same person.

Sec. 5. **Attendance at Valley Functions.** The Executive Director shall attend all meetings of the Executive Committee and keep a true record of the proceedings of such meetings. He shall prepare and submit to the Executive Committee a monthly report which shall show in detail the financial condition of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, the current status of all funds or bequests of any kind, which may have been established for its benefit.

**ARTICLE VIII
PETITIONS**

Sec. 1. **Form and Signatures.** A petition for the degrees, affiliation or restoration shall be signed by the applicant's own hand, and by one member of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, who shall certify to his personal acquaintance with the petitioner and his qualifications for membership.

Sec. 2. **Acceptance.** The receiving and acceptance or rejection of candidates shall be in accordance with Constitutions and rituals of the Supreme Council and the Rules and Regulations of the Council of Deliberation.

Sec. 3. **Fees for Petitions.** The fees for conferring the degrees by the Four Constituent Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, shall be as follows, viz:

Lodge of Perfection.....	\$45.00
Council Princes of Jerusalem.....	35.00
Chapter of Rose Croix.....	35.00
Consistory.....	35.00
Total.....	\$150.00
(Must accompany the petition)	

**ARTICLE IX
DUES and ASSESSMENTS**

Sec. 1. **Amount and Payment.** The dues for each member of any or all of the Four Constituent Bodies, shall be \$46.00 per annum payable annually in advance on or before January 1st of each year. This sum may be increased annually by the Executive Committee by an amount not to exceed the increase in the most current Consumer Price Index (CPI). Any increases in excess of the above shall be approved by a majority vote of the members present at a stated meeting of the Four Constituent Bodies. In addition to the dues, each member shall pay the per-capita assessments levied annually by the Supreme Council and Council of Deliberation. Each member shall also pay an amount, established annually by the

Executive Committee, as a per-capita assessment for the member's support of the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation, Inc. and the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis Foundation, Inc. The Four Constituent Bodies may by majority vote, remit the dues and assessments of any member who is financially unable to pay the same.

Sec. 2. **Non-Payment of Dues.** Any member who shall fail to pay his dues and assessments as provided in Section 1 shall be notified by mail of his arrearage to his last known address not later than March 31st of the year in which the delinquency first occurs. At the Stated Meeting in May, if he is still delinquent in payment of dues and assessments, he shall be suspended of all rights and privileges of the The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis until such time the member desires to reinstate by satisfying amount of delinquency plus payment of current dues and assessments, if any.

Sec. 3. **Life Membership.** A life membership may be purchased by a member, by payment of a sum of money calculated in accordance with Article 313-2 of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council. The life annuity membership is not transferable to another Valley. No refunds or adjustments shall be permitted. Any life membership purchased subsequent to the date of adoption of these bylaws shall be subject to payment of all per-capita assessments.

Sec. 4. **Segregation of Funds.** All payments received under the provisions of Article IX, Section 3 shall be placed in a separate fund designated as the "Life Annuity Membership Fund." Such funds shall be administered and withdrawals made therefrom under such terms and conditions as are or may be specified by the Constitutions of the Supreme Council.

ARTICLE X FISCAL YEAR

Sec. 1. **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Four Constituent Bodies and of the Executive Committee shall end on the 30th day of April of each year.

Sec. 2. **Budget.** A budget of estimated expenditures for the ensuing year shall be prepared by the Trustees, Treasurer, and Executive Director and submitted to the Executive Committee for approval prior to April 30th of each year. Following approval, the budget shall be published at the next stated meeting.

Sec. 3. **Audit.** An annual audit of the fiscal affairs of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, shall be made by a certified public accountant to be selected by the Executive Committee, and the report of such audit shall be presented to the Executive Committee within 120 days of the close of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE XI

INSURANCE AND BONDS

Sec. 1. **Insurance.** Adequate insurance on all real and personal property to which the Trustees hold title shall be authorized by the Executive Committee in such sums as it deems proper. The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis shall also maintain errors and omissions coverage for its officers in such commercially reasonable amounts as the Executive Committee shall determine from time to time.

Sec. 2. **Bonds.** A blanket bond covering all officers and employees on the payroll, together with all other officers or members entrusted with the care, custody or control of any Scottish Rite funds or property, shall be provided by the Executive Committee for the protection of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis.

Sec. 3. **Payment.** The cost of all insurance and bonds shall be approved by the Executive Committee and paid from the general bank account in the name of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. **Procedure.** These Rules and Regulations may be amended, modified or repealed only in the following manner:

- a. Any proposed amendment, modification or repeal shall be presented in writing at a stated meeting of the Four Constituent Bodies, signed by the member offering the same, entered upon the minutes, and referred to the Executive Committee.
- b. A report by the Executive Committee must be submitted in writing at a subsequent stated meeting before final action is taken.
- c. A special notice of the stated meeting at which the vote is to be taken together with a summary of the proposed amendment, modification or repeal shall be mailed to each member at his last known address at least two weeks prior to the date of such meeting. (Double Eagle publication is adequate.) Any member may request a full text of the proposed amendment, modification or repeal from the Executive Director.
- d. After compliance with the above provisions, the proposed amendment, modification or repeal may be adopted or rejected by a majority vote of all members present, or consideration may be postponed to some subsequent stated meeting.

ARTICLE XIII EFFECTIVE DATE

Sec. 1. **Procedure.** These Rules and Regulations shall take effect immediately upon their adoption by each of the Four Constituent Bodies and their approval by the Deputy for this State. A copy shall be sent to the Grand Secretary General to be placed on file.

The Column

From Whence Sprang Our Degrees?

*By William K. Bissey
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When the first Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of England, was founded in 1717 there were but two degrees in Speculative Masonry: Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft. The earliest extant record of the conferral of the Master Mason degree is dated 1725.



If you look up Degrees in Coil's Masonic Encyclopedia you will find an article some forty pages in length. This article "...contains approximately 1100 names of

degrees. It is not complete, no such list ever has been or can be."

Today, some Masonic scholars suggest there are about 150 degrees. Readers of the Double Eagle know of the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. The degrees of the York rite are also well known among Masons.

But the question remains, what was the impetus for the origin of degrees beyond the three degrees of the Symbolic Lodge?

Although very little can be certain in early Masonic history, many Masonic historians ascribe the impetus of the additional degrees to the Chevalier Andrew Michael Ramsay. He was initiated into Freemasonry in Horn Lodge, Westminster, England. Ramsay has been described as "... an excellent example of an educated and ambitious man of the eighteenth century." Ramsay was a Jacobite, a Scottish expatriate, and was a member of the Royal Society. The honorific Chevalier, equivalent to the British Sir, came after being admitted into the Order of St. Lazarus.

Brother Ramsay's claim to Masonic fame is due to an oration prepared for delivery at the Grand Lodge of France on March 24, 1737. Included in his oration is a mythical history of the origins of Freemasonry.

The relevant portion of the oration is as follows. "At the time of the Crusades in Palestine, many princes, Lords and citizens associated themselves and vowed to restore the Temple of the Christians in the Holy Land, to employ themselves in bringing back their architecture to its first institution. They agreed upon several

ancient signs and symbolic words...in order to recognize themselves amongst the heathen and Saracens. These signs and words were only communicated to those who promised...never to reveal them. Sometimes afterwards our Order formed an intimate union with the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. From that time, our Lodges took the name of Lodge of St. John." (Cyril N. Batham, Ramsay's Oration, Heredom, Volume 1, 1992, page 57.)

It is this myth of the founding of our Order that many Masonic scholars maintain that was the impetus of the origin of the added degrees of Freemasonry. The origin of many of the degrees, including several of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, is French. And the same can be also said about the origin of many of the degrees of the York Rite.

Thus, we can most likely thank the Chevalier Ramsay for the added degrees that make Freemasonry and its appendant bodies the most educational of all of the fraternal orders.

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Why by the Square?

by Thomas J Worrell, PM, MSA

Because it is one of our working tools? No, because the Square is one of the most important symbols we use in Freemasonry. As such, it should be preserved in its proper form. The French Masons gave it on long leg, which makes it a carpenter's square. The American Masons, incorrectly following Jeremy L Cross's delineation, have generally preserved each leg equal in length and marked it in inches, thus making it an instrument for measuring length and width, which it is not. It is only a trying square for the stonemason, and has a plain surface on both sides of the legs embracing an angle of 90°, and is only



intended to measure the accuracy of the sides of a stone, and see that the edges are at right angles to each other.

The square was added to the compass, thereby forming the universal symbol and teaches us in early ritual, "to square our actions and keep us within due bounds." They are seldom seen apart today, but are kept together forming a part of the three great lights. The square is one third of the symbol known throughout the free world along with the compass and Letter "G", as the Masonic emblem. In Masonic symbolism, the square and Compasses refer to the Mason's duty to the Craft and to himself; hence, it is said to be a symbol of brotherhood and was adopted as the badge or token of the Fraternity.

Letter to the Editor

A Wise "Twenty-Something"

Often at the end of the evening, tired from the daily roundabout, I sit quietly in my living area with lights low and no sound at all, save the forward motion of the clock. As I recount the day's business, I have a need to mentally concoct a sort of chronicle of what I have accomplished that day. We are all moved to fill our days with purpose and thank God for all I have.

What do you stand for? What is your purpose? God did not give us the divine gift of life so that we might squander it aimlessly. We are not on Earth just to take up space. We must discover our purpose and cultivate it to the point that it functions with us each day to bring about some good somehow. I admonish the younger members of our honorable fraternity to strictly examine themselves today. Too often, youth lends itself to silliness and to trivial things. Sometimes, out of immaturity, youthful minds are drawn to trouble and behaviors unfitting a man and Mason of any age.

Remember, character is what we are when nobody's looking. We should act as if a thousand eyes are upon us. Keep your actions honorable, your intent pure, and your conscience clean. Such is the mind of a Mason. One of the sharpest realities to cut at once to my heart as I have grown into manhood in my twenties is that suddenly I have become a role model.

Suddenly the eyes of little children are looking up at me, loving me, studying me, learning from me.

It is not enough any longer to just belong to the fraternity or to wear the symbols associated with the Masonic bodies. Any member can pay dues, but can you also make a positive difference for the fraternity? YES YOU CAN! We are young and the time is now to step up and do our part for the betterment of so great and noble a fraternity as ours.

I hope you experience the same immeasurable pride I feel every time I walk by the Scottish Rite Cathedral ...*my* Cathedral ... *mine and yours!!* My soul tingles with honor as my eyes gaze up the grand bell tower which I can see from a distance. Day and night, it is a beacon, beckoning me back yet again.

You too friend, are needed at the Scottish Rite. Schedules are tight and time is often short these days, but the need for our attendance and loyalty has never been greater than today. Walk upright, do your part and be a young man of honor, for in such measure will you count for something in this life.

--Cody R Edwards, 32°
Age 23, member of Spring '99 Class

'Round the Rite

New Years Party

The New Year's Party will be presented on January 5th at 6 pm. After dinner, enjoy dancing to the music of Tom Mullinix Glitz Orchestra. The eight piece ensemble plays big band, swing, and variety music.

Reservations can be made through the Scottish Rite office with cash, check, or credit card. No phone reservation will be accepted. Cost is \$30 per person for members and their guests. General Public is \$35. There will not be a show in the auditorium after dinner this year. Tickets are available for dancing only for \$10 and is scheduled to begin at 7:30pm. Come join us.

President's Day

Bring the whole family and tour the Cathedral and meet famous Presidents. Special events, including the child identification and finger printing program for children are planned for the afternoon. No charge for the special event from 1-5 pm.



Amber helps Ralph adjust "Oinker's" Sun-glasses. Many volunteers from the audience assisted in this year's Christmas show.



Magic Mike has fun with "T.J." at the Children's Christmas Party attended by nearly 1000 people.

Purdue Glee Club

Our most popular entertainment of the year returns to the beautiful Scottish Rite Auditorium for two performances. The Purdue Glee Club has been performing at the Scottish Rite Cathedral for more than 50 years and will return on Friday, February 1st for performances at 7 and 9 pm.

Tickets are available at the office at \$10 for members and their guests - \$15 general public. Dinner will be available from 5-7 pm. This high energy show is always a cold winter's delight! Make reservations early.

Capital City Chorus

The ever popular Capital City Chorus will return to the Scottish Rite Auditorium for an encore performance of your favorite tunes. This group features seventy women singing a wide variety of music which includes gospel, standards, and show tunes. The Capital City Chorus has been a real audience favorite.

Tickets are available at the office for \$5 for members and their guests - \$10 general public.



Indianapolis Valley 33rd's Inducted

Local area Freemasons were among a group of 122 selected to receive the Thirty-third Degree, the highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The ceremony took place recently in Indianapolis during the annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council. The degree is awarded for outstanding service to Freemasonry or for significant contributions to humanity that reflect credit upon the fraternity. The 2001 recipients were chosen from 15 northeastern and Midwestern states that comprise the 300,000-member Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. Those from Indianapolis, Indiana were (left to right - front row) George K. Blackburn, Jr.; Edward E. Kerkhoff; Tim L. Martin; Martin R. McAfee; James Peter Mohr; (back row) Frank L. O'Bannon; George F. Rapp, M.D.; Gary G. Wyne; Dennis A. Coltart Jr.; Walter L. Howard; Jack W. Kasdorf; John P. Lantz; Douglas O. Pauls; and, Ronald D. Simpson.

Mistakes

- A mistake is evidence that someone has tried to do something.
- The man who does things makes mistakes but he never makes the biggest mistake of all, that of doing nothing.
- Making mistakes is something you can avoid by saying nothing.
- Someone has said that the greatest mistake one can make is that of "giving up".
- All people make mistakes, that's why erasers are put on pencils.
- If you don't learn anything from your mistakes, there's no sense in making them.
- If you don't learn from the mistakes of others, you won't live long enough to make them all by your self.
- A man who has committed a mistake and doesn't correct it, is committing another mistake.
- Men may come and men may go, but mistakes go on forever.

Chips from the Quarry



Members of the George Rogers Clark Scottish Rite Club in New Albany presented a check for \$500 to the Indianapolis Masonic Learning Center for Children. Pictured are: Joe Hobbble, Secretary; William R. Jones, Hospitaller; Jeffrey Saunders, Valley Executive Director; Howard King, President; and Ray Beets, Trustee.

The **Howard County Scottish Rite Club** met on November 10th at Howard Lodge #93. After some fellowship time and a wonderful dinner, "The Hoosier String Players" (a dulcimer and auto harp musical group) provided entertainment. Club President Jim Guffey reported that everyone enjoyed the evening of food, fellowship and music. The Indianapolis Valley was represented by Scott Schuster of the Consistory Line.

The **Scott County Scottish Rite Club** met on November 13th at Scott Lodge #120 in Austin, IN. After a terrific meal the members, guests and their ladies enjoyed a guest speaker, Mr. Eric Lowry, who serves as Emergency Management Director for Scott County. Chuck Sebastian was pleased with the turnout, food, fellowship and speaker.

The **Johnson County Scottish Rite Club** met on November 30th at Franklin Lodge #107 in Franklin, IN. The club provided the chili and the members and guests pitched in salads and desserts. At this meeting, officers to serve for 2002 were elected and Club President Paul Williams presented a video after dinner. Members and their Master Mason guests, ladies and invited widows all had a terrific evening. The valley was represented by Tom Fallis, Sovereign Prince of the Council Line along with Carl Culmann, Most Wise Master of Indianapolis Chapter Rose Croix.

The **Bartholomew County Scottish Rite Club** met on December 1st at St. John's Lodge #20 in Columbus, IN. Club President Verlyn Spiker had the events of the evening well organized. Cosponsoring this evening was the Columbus Hi Twelve and the Columbus Commandery. This gathering, billed as the annual club Christmas party featured the vocal talent of Lisa Brock, Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation Administrator. A wonderful evening of food, friends, fellowship and music was enjoyed by all. The valley was represented by Rodney Mann of the Lodge Line.

The **Jackson County Scottish Rite Club** met on December 17th at Jackson Lodge #146 in Seymour, IN. This was their annual "Jackson County Scottish Rite Club Christmas Party". Brothers Jim Byrns and Edison Spencer have this great evening well planned and organized. A terrific meal was prepared by the Seymour Order of Eastern Star and the entertainment for the evening was provided by the Indianapolis Valley, featuring the vocal talent of Lisa Brock, Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation Administrator. Everyone enjoyed her beautiful holiday and sacred selections. The club invited widows to this event and these ladies were "guests" of the evening. Very special! The Indianapolis Valley was represented by Chip Walker of the Consistory Line.



Paul Shambaugh shows his son-in-law the "ropes" as they partake of ice cream and cookies at this year's Annual Christmas Party.

Through the Cathedral Window

Creating a False Impression

by Jerry B Collins, 33°, Editor

As a graduate of Culver Military Academy -- a college prep school in northern Indiana -- I was faced with a lot of memorization (probably designed to get me ready for Masonry). One of the things I had to memorize as a Plebe during my first weeks on campus was the Honor Code of the Corps of Cadets. It is still ingrained in this dusty old memory where I can't remember things I need and can still remember things I could look up if needed.

Lying is a moral or ethical sin in life -- it doesn't get us very far and puts us back a piece when discovered. Witness the quick demise of the fella who took the Notre Dame football coach job for \$2 million for 6 years and then had to resign after 1 week because he fudged his resume. Fudges in life might help to grease the chute early on, but aren't really necessary when a certain amount of job performance is demonstrated.

The problem with fudges is that they become isidious and begin to widdle away the black and white edges of definable truth.

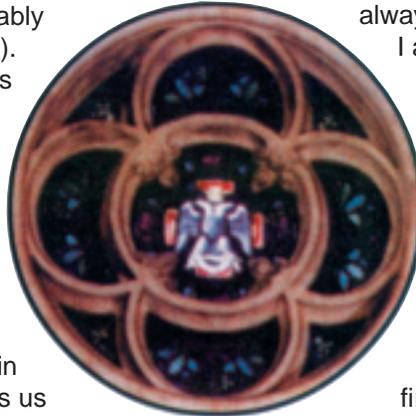
As a regional sales director for the Cincinnati branch of our national office, I am charged with recruiting and training on a weekly basis. I spend 20-30 hours each week pouring over thousands of

resumes faxed or emailed to me. In this electronic day of age when the internet moves data at the speed of light, I also take advantage of on-line resume services like Hot Jobs and Monster.com. It is always interesting to read people's resumes. I am constantly amazed at the "experience" and creative ways one embellishes his work history.

I recently ran across one of my own employee's resume touting his vast experience with my company and his demonstrated leadership qualities in training new recruits in the field. It is amazing how he got such experience in 2 weeks with our firm!

Which leads me back to Culver. The Honor Code talks about creating a false impression. Some people I have interviewed are what I call "wordsmiths" -- they mold and form their sentences so as not to directly lie, but to characterize their thoughts to give a wrong impression. My brothers, that is a form of lying that is cunning and hurtful and has become well practiced in today's media and with our politicians.

I wish for you and yours a very Happy New Year. I hope you are able to think about the tenets of Masonry in 2002 and begin to weave them ever increasingly into your daily life. Men will see your good works and you can give glory to God for being a good example of how to live this life during our short stay on planet Earth.



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