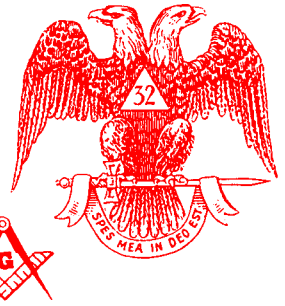


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It's All About Membership

In 1959 Masonic membership peaked in Indiana at slightly over 185,000 members. At the end of 2000 we had slightly less than 85,000 Indiana Masons. In 1960 Indiana had a population of just over 4.5 million, in 2000 just over 6 million. The percentage of Masons in that period declined from 4% to under 1.5%. Are we becoming an endangered species?

The largest Scottish Rite Valley in the world is your beautiful Cathedral in Indianapolis, and, sometime near next Fall's Bean Supper, we will fall below 20,000 members. *But you say, "What can I do?"*

We need to attract quality young men with a marketing campaign of who we are and what we offer and how we can give it to them at a value price. It's what McDonald's and General Motors does successfully every day. We have the programming (*turn to Page 7 and last issue's refrigerator card*); we have quality leaders, so it must be a very well-kept secret, and my brothers, we are using centuries old rules to our detriment. We simply must market ourselves if we are to compete with 21st century society and all the entertainment choices.



Here's your challenge: call your neighbor, friend, co-worker, brother, son and invite him to the **Spring Play** (*see picture on Page 7*) being offered on Friday, March 8th & 15th, and Saturday, March 9th & 16th. Show him the beauty of the Cathedral. Bring him back for the **Father/Son Banquet** on Friday, March 22nd at 6:30 pm. And, since we all believe in the Grand Architect of the Universe, an inspirational message can be heard at the **Cathedral Hour** on Saturday, March 30th. April doesn't let up: Sat., April 13th is our **Spring Entertainment** show. I haven't even touched May and all of the activities.

So, if you have marketed our fraternity this Spring, then the **Spring Convocation on Saturday April 20th** is the logical culmination of your efforts. It is a one day class -- an efficient way to witness more light in Scottish Rite Masonry. Additional Bonus: all sitting Masters, Senior Wardens, and Secretaries are being offered a \$100 reduction in the initiation fees for the Spring Convocation. The only way we can eat an elephant is one bite at a time, and it starts with that first man you bring to the fraternity.

How to build a membership

Cathedral Preservation Remains a Priority

**Jeff Saunders, 33°
Executive Director**

Your Scottish Rite Cathedral continues to be the finest building dedicated to Freemasonry anywhere in the world. It is part of what sets us aside from all other Valleys and part of who we are as Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Indianapolis. Our members point with pride to the Cathedral and frequently comment how well it is maintained. Recent changes in the management of the building, demonstrates our commitment to keeping our Cathedral a facility that reflects credit upon our members and the fraternity at large.

The Trustees have primary responsibility for management of all of the assets of the Valley and have recently appointed a group of advisors to provide technical expertise in a number of areas. The Building and Grounds Committee consists of dedicated men skilled as architects, general contractors, electrical contractors, and mechanical engineers who meet monthly and review the condition of various structural and mechanical systems, make recommendations to the Trustees and then oversee the implementation of the work when contracts are awarded. This group is chaired by **William C. Brandt, Jr., 33°**, and includes **Marvin C. Maguire, 33°**, **Henry G. Meier**, **Dennis D. Sheets** and **William A. Sigman, 33°**.

A new staff position has been created to oversee day to day maintenance and coordinate activities of the numerous vendors providing services in the building such as janitorial, equipment maintenance, electrical, and heating and air conditioning. Kent D. Watts was named Building Services Manager in November and has oversight of all building services as well as security and parking lots.

Projects recently completed around the Cathedral include:

- Installation of security cameras on all doors and some interior spaces
- Raising the height and repainting the stone signs along with upgrading landscaping
- Replacement of the roof on the North end of

- the building and some portions of the tower
- Replacement of the some broken leaded glass windows on the mezzanine
- Repair of elevator components and replacement of carpet in some of the elevators
- Purchase of 100 new chairs for the ballroom
- Installation of an automated timer for the carillon now chiming on the quarter hour

We want every member to continue to have pride in our Cathedral and its prominent place in the Indianapolis community as the heart of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. These projects and the dedicated members who manage them represent our commitment to perpetuate our legacy.

Jeffrey K. Saunders

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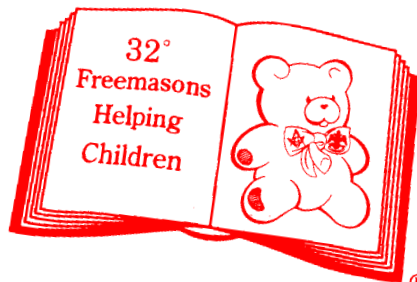
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Learning Center News

Looking for Magical Summer Volunteers

The flowers in the garden outside the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children lingered well into December. It was as if it were a magical garden outside the magical place where children find success. Forty



children come to the Learning Center two afternoons a week where they find success in learning to read, write and spell. Each of these children, before coming to the Center, had failed in one or more of these areas. The children range in age from 7 and in first grade to sixteen and a sophomore in high school. When report card day rolls around many are eager to share their wonderful report card. Others express their appreciation in less obvious ways. One student, an eighth grader who had been reluctant to come initially, said, "A friend offered to tutor me because I spend so much time coming here. He is in high school. But I told him he didn't understand that this was helping me with all of my work at school."

Maybe you would like to be a directly involved with the magic at the Learning Center. This summer, which will be here soon, new tutors will have an opportunity to get training. Training as an Orton-Gillingham tutor requires a very significant commitment of time and a willingness to learn. The course, which is over six weeks in the summer, is equal to a three credit Graduate course. It involves two difficult exams and written projects. At the same time it offers great rewards. It gives one an opportunity to understand the English language in a wonderful and systematic way and it gives the opportunity to watch a child learn in an area they have always struggled. There are also some internships available after training which could lead to the potential for part-time employment at the Learning Center upon completion of the required 100 hours. It does

require that the trainee has a Bachelors Degree but not necessarily in education. The course this summer begins in late June and ends in early August. If interested, or even curious, please contact Martha Robinson, the Center Director, at 317-251-5703.

The magic at the 32° Masonic Learning Center is real but it did not come from a magic wand. Many people have donated effort, time and financial support. It is magic that is coming from the work of many. Please feel free to contact us and come visit your learning center.

Address LC comments to:
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Mary Lou Wilson Charitable Trust Gift

Mrs. Mary Lou Wilson, President of the C. James and Mary Lou Wilson Charitable Foundation, Inc. made her first contribution to the Learning Center just before Christmas. Mrs. Wilson founded the trust this past June for the purpose of making contributions in memory and honor of her late Husband C. James Wilson, P.M. Englewood #715. The stated purpose of the trust is to make contributions to different Masonic and community charities and will continue into the future in her memory also. Mary Lou is very excited about this wonderful way to help both during her lifetime to see the results but she has also been so very thoughtful in funding the Trust for the future and will therefore carry on this wonderful act of giving to those in need.



Scottish Rite Golf Outing

Monday, June 3rd

\$50 per person Shot Gun Start 12 noon
Dinner at Shrine Club 6 pm.

Killbuck Golf Course in Anderson

Call Charlie Fromer for more info

(317) 885-5942 and register by May 24th.

ByLaws Pass

The Proposed new Bylaws for the Valley were voted on at the February Stated Meeting and passed. Ill George Galyean, 33° chaired the committee that has labored for over a year to bring our current Bylaws into conformity with the Supreme Council Constitution and current practices of the valley while creating an administrative framework that promotes efficiency and defines responsibility.

After passage, Illustrious Brother Galyean publicly thanked the other members of the committee: David Hollingsworth; Chip Walker; Ill Chuck Brandt, 33°; Bob James, Ill Skip Kappes, 33°; and, Ill Jeff Saunders, 33°.

Campaign for the Cathedral

"Hey Brother, could you spare a dime?" Many of you have either heard this phrase, or at least one very similar to it.

Several years ago, when your Cathedral Foundation launched its \$10,000,000.00 (10 Million) Campaign, I am sure some of you thought WOW! That is a lot of money! How are they ever going to accomplish that goal! To be brutally honest with you, we haven't! Today, we are still approximately \$7,000,000.00 (7 Million) short of that goal.

Does this mean that we have given up? Absolutely not! Your Foundation staff, along with the Board of Directors is as committed today as we were at the onset of this Campaign.

In a recent meeting, an effort was made to break this down into more manageable figures. \$7 Million ÷ 20,000 members = \$350.00. I would say that is a little more realistic. \$350.00 ÷ 365 (1year) = .96¢ a day!

Just imagine, if we could get our members to commit to .96¢, less that a dollar a day, we could reach our goal in one year. Sometimes we make mountains out of molehills. In this case, we took a mountain and made it an anthill.

Brothers, I would like to ask each of you to make a pledge to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation, Inc. of \$350 to be paid within 1 year. That is a dollar a day with 15 days vacation. So what do you say? "Hey Brother, could you spare a dollar?"



Richard D. Hull

The Column

Origin of Symbolic Lodge Degrees?

By William K. Bissey
Editor, Indiana Freemason

The heart and soul of Scottish Rite Freemasonry lies in the three degrees of the Symbolic Lodge. This is clearly stated in a booklet published by our Supreme Council for Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Entitled *What is the Scottish Rite*, this booklet has the following statement, "Scottish Rite work amplifies and elaborates on the lessons of the Craft."



If the Symbolic Lodge degrees are the heart and soul of Scottish Freemasonry, from whence did they come?

The earliest mention of degrees in speculative

Freemasonry is in the 1723 *Constitutions* of the Grand Lodge of England. The *Constitutions* were written by Dr. James Anderson, a Scottish born and educated cleric serving a Presbyterian congregation in London.

In the 1723 *Constitutions* Dr. Anderson mentions only the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft. The terms appear to be names of degrees that were utilized by Scottish lodges who were strongly operative in nature at that time.

All indications are that the ceremonies of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft were rather brief

and had little resemblance to the rituals of today.

The earliest extant record of the Master Mason degree is in the May 12, 1725 minutes of a

"Scottish Rite work amplifies and elaborates on the lessons of the Craft."

London musical and architectural group known as *Philo-Musicae et Architecturae Societas Apollinae*. This society, whose membership was limited to Freemasons, was not a lodge. Its practice of making Master Masons soon incurred the displeasure of Grand Lodge who ordered the society to cease the practice.

So, where did the Master Mason degree originate? And who may be responsible for its origin? The following is a speculative but fairly plausible theory to both questions.

In 1936 a manuscript came to light in Yorkshire. Known as the

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Graham MS., it is usually dated to 1726. In the manuscript there is a question and answer type catechism. There is also a story very familiar to all Master Masons. However, in place of the familiar cast of characters there is a differ-

ent cast consisting of Noah and his three sons. Also included is the story of Solomon's Temple and some symbolism and the points of fellowship.

In France there is an ancient and still functioning organization of operative stonemasons known as the *Compagnonnage*. One of this organization's ceremonies involves a very familiar character: Hiram. As far as anyone knows there is no connection between the *Compagnonnage* and French Freemasonry.

Enter the Rev. John T. Desaguliers, the third Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. He is someone who is generally regarded as a strong force for the development and expansion of the Craft in its formative years. Desaguliers was the son of a French Huguenot minister who fled France to escape possible religious persecution following the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685.

Now for the speculative part of this theory. It is possible that Desaguliers knew of the French Hiram legend and also knew of the story in the Graham MS. And it is possible that Desaguliers then revised the Graham ritual and substituted Hiram for Noah. Thus giving birth to the legend of the third degree that we as Scottish Rite Freemasons know and cherish.

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Deputy's Message

Deputy's Cabinet Formed

In the last issue of the Double Eagle, I shared with you briefly the eight items I as your Deputy intend to emphasize in the coming months. I appreciate this opportunity to expand one of those in this issue.



Robt G Elrod

My Item Three is to encourage coordination and cooperation among the leaders of our five valleys in Indiana and among the leaders of all Masonic related organizations in the state.

As one step in encouraging cooperation among the leaders of our valleys, I am reinstating the concept of the Deputy's Cabinet. The presiding officers for 2002 and 2003 will meet quarterly with the Valley secretaries, Deputy and Actives in Indianapolis. We will foster plans of cooperation, coordination and concert of effort by all Valleys in the state and to coordinate Valley convocations with the membership plans of the Deputy Grand Master for his year as Grand Master.

A second aspect of this emphasis is to foster cooperation among all Masonic leaders in the state. Too often the leadership of Freemasonry seems at cross purposes. When faced with the difficulties arising from declining membership, we seem too ready to blame other Masonic organizations and their leadership for our problems. Maybe it's frustration, jealousy, or just personality conflicts, but one of the most disappointing aspects of being a leader of Scottish Rite is the frequency with which one is compelled to deal with disagreements between Masons. We simply can not improve Freemasonry by distrusting each other.

The percentage of Indiana Masons to the general population of Indiana during the past 4 decades has declined from 4% to under 1.5%. Are we becoming an endangered species? Freemasonry is the world's oldest and still largest fraternity. We have a message of faith, brotherhood, toleration and striving for perfection that the world needs to hear, particularly in light of the events of September 11. Some times I fear our own disagreements drown out our message.

I challenge all who hold any post of leadership in Freemasonry to join me helping each other perform our responsibilities better. At every installation of officers, the members vow to support the leaders that are being installed. Part of that support must be to assist in encouraging cooperation among the leaders. Any time a Mason lets his personal disagreements become an issue between leaders or organizations, Freemasonry is weakened.

Will each of you join me avoiding conflicts and promoting cooperation in Freemasonry?

Potentate's Message

Succeeding Together

Hello my Scottish Rite Brothers,

It is with a lot of pride and deep humility that I speak to you for the first time as the Potentate of Murat temple. For the last 16 years I have been fortunate enough to be a member of the Rite and known many of it's active members and leaders. Nothing can compare with the beauty and meaning of the degrees portrayed in our wonderful Cathedral. But no matter how good the degrees are, or how many lessons they teach, no one will benefit if they are never seen by new members.

That is the reason I have made one of my top goals this year to do what ever it takes to build membership not only for the Shrine, but for the Scottish Rite as well. To make this happen I have asked the membership development people of the Shrine to sit down with those from the Scottish Rite and develop a plan that promotes both bodies. Some exciting things are already happening and with shared information, I believe we can succeed together.

John A Friend

I am honored to have the chance to speak to my 20,000 plus Scottish Rite brothers and to tell you that the doors of the Shrine are always open to our Scottish Rite friends. ***Let's have a great 2002 and keep working together for the good of all.***

'Round the Rite



You finally find your one true love; however, what do you do about your husband and child of many fantasy years? Throw in the IRS and the police who are looking for the "missing husband", mistaken identities, and desperate romance and you'll split your sides laughing. Why is everybody sitting on the foldaway bed? Guess you'll have to find out at the Spring Play on Friday and Saturday March 8,9,15, & 16 in the Auditorium. (l to r) Rebecca Brazzell, Rick Purcell, Eric Seidenticker, Angie Wethington, LaDonna Bratton, Scott Jarman, and Chip Walker. Another winner directed by Rich Sharp. Tickets are in the last issue of the DE.

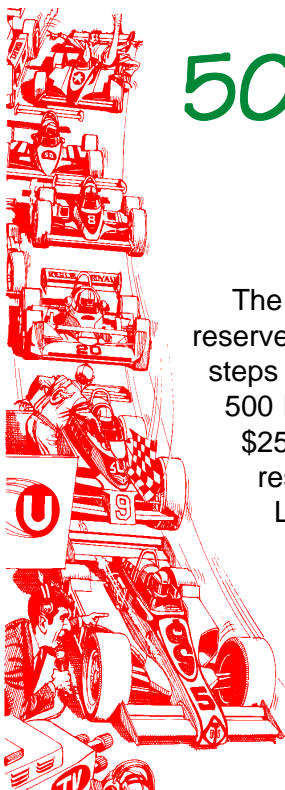
500 Festival Parade

The Scottish Rite is again offering reserved seats on the Meridian Street steps for its members for the annual 500 Festival Parade. Tickets are \$25 per couple and includes reserved parking on the West Lot, reserved seating, and a box lunch with drink. Any additional tickets are just \$10 each. Take advantage of this great opportunity to see all the floats, bands, and drivers from your very own seat -- which are limited.

The 26th Annual **Father and Son Banquet** will be held at 6:30 pm on Friday, March 22nd. All members are invited to bring not only their sons, but substitute sons, relatives, grandsons, or sons adopted for the evening. Entertainment by Dave Rudolph -- humorist, storyteller, and author who has written songs for Disney and authored several books. Tickets are just \$10 per person.

Indpls Chapter of Rose Croix will hold a **Cathedral Hour Service** on Saturday, March 30th at 7:30 pm. An outstanding speaker will bring us the Holy Week message along with a splendid musical program presented by the Scottish Rite Chorus. No tickets required.

Enjoy a mystical evening with a stage hypnotist. The **Spring Entertainment** is Saturday, April 13th at 7:30 pm. Tickets are FREE -- Food service is available 5-7 pm by reservations.



Through the Cathedral Window

Settled in Complacency

by **Jerry B Collins, 33°, Editor**

Remember that "average" is simply the best of the poorest and the poorest of the best. Being settled in complacency leaves us weak for Satan's evil, immoral attacks.

A parable told by a Haitian pastor to illustrate to his congregation the need for total commitment. "A certain man wanted to sell his house for \$2,000. Another man wanted very badly to buy it, but because he was poor, he couldn't afford the full price. After much bargaining, the owner greed to sell the house for half the original price with just one stipulation: he would retain ownership of one small nail protruding from just over the door. After several years, the original owner wanted the house back, but the new owner was unwilling to sell. So the first owner went out found the carcass of a dead dog, and hung it from the nail he still owned. Soon the house became unlivable and the family was forced to sell the house to the owner of the nail. Conclusion: If we leave the Devil with even one small peg in our life, he will return to hang his rotting garbage on it, making it unfit for God's habitation."

Complacency is that Peg! When we have settled into complacency, it becomes a cancer that not only weakens, but destroys in time. It lowers our level of personal expectation.

Soren Kierkegaard, the Danish philosopher, told a story about a goose who was wounded and who landed in a barnyard with some chickens. He played with the chickens and ate with the chickens. After a while that goose thought he was a chicken. One day a flight of geese came over, migrating to their home. They were honking up there in the sky, and he heard it. Kierkegaard said, "Something stirred within the breast of this goose. Something called him to the skies. He began to flap the wings he hadn't used, and he rose a few feet into the air. Then he stopped, and he settled back again into the mud of the barnyard. He heard the cry, but he settled for less."

My Brothers, after a little bit of editorializing on Page 1 -- which most publications frown on -- I will again pickup the refrain: "It's all about Membership!" We can have the most beautiful cathedral in the world, the largest membership in the world, great programming, a large endowment, and on and on; but what is it without a legacy, somebody to pass it along to as it was passed on and entrusted to us.

Have we been good stewards with our inheritance? Will you remove the bad pegs in your life?

Zephaniah 1:12-13

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