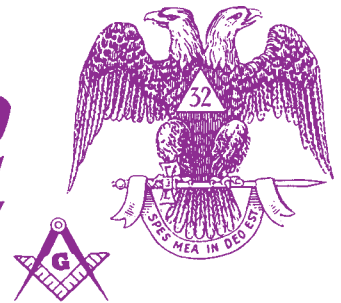


SPECIAL EDITION

The Double Eagle

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Valley of Indianapolis



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Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine One Day Class - Sept 28th

Grand Master Roger VanGorden has announced plans for 6 one day classes encompassing all five Scottish Rite Valleys throughout Indiana for 2002-03. Many of these classes will also involve Shrine Centers, as is the case with the first class in Indianapolis on September 28th.

Following on the heels of Ohio's phenomenal one day class when over 8,400 men joined the fraternity, Indiana's Grand Lodge hopes to emulate that success by harnessing Masons from appendant bodies to assist lodges in bringing our fraternity to Hoosier men in the 21st Century.

Time is **EXTREMELY SHORT**, so our brothers at the Shrine have helped us put this special edition out to all of our members in a joint effort to get the word out **NOW**.

In 2001, the Grand Lodge adopted a change enabling Lodges to receive petitions at a called meeting and lie over to the next stated meeting for vote which must be at least 3 weeks later.



Masonic Unity: Potentate John Friend, Grand Master Roger VanGorden, and Deputy Bob Elrod coordinate Indiana's membership plans.

Grand Master Roger VanGorden stated it best: "Our job is not to save buildings, or to make money, but to make Masons!"

Step By Step:

Here's How You Do It

Getting petitions for the September 28th Class has been made easier with recent changes to the regulations. Now is the perfect opportunity to invite men who you think should be Masons to become a member of the fraternity. Think about members of your family, co-workers, neighbors or friends who share those ideals and principles we hold dear. Talk to them about your personal experience with Freemasonry and invite them to this unique Masonic event. Here is all you need do:

- Have your candidate **complete the enclosed symbolic Lodge petition.**
- Contact your Lodge about receiving the petition in time for balloting at the regular stated meeting of the Lodge in September. Remember that the Grand Lodge revised Regulation 29.030 (c) in 2001 to allow reading of petitions at a called meeting of the Lodge at least three weeks before the stated meeting at which the vote is to be taken. Even if your Lodge is dark in August, **request that the Worshipful Master hold a called meeting to present and receive the petition.**
- If it is not possible or convenient to take the petition to your own Lodge, contact the Scottish Rite office who will work with appropriate Grand Lodge officers to **locate a suitable Lodge for your candidate.** The petition should be **accompanied by the initiation fee for that specific Lodge.**
- Once the candidate is elected, the Secretary of the Lodge will be able to **register the candidate, along with a mentor,** for the September 28th class. Registration forms and specific procedures may be found in the July edition of the *Indiana Freemason* magazine.
- The newly raised Master Mason is invited to **become a 32nd Degree Mason that day** by petitioning the Scottish Rite using the petition found in this issue. For this class only, a special scholarship will be applied so that the net amount to be **paid for the degrees is \$100.** No additional fees need to be paid until the 2003 dues which are payable on or before December 31st.
- **Scottish Rite petitions** should be sent directly to the Valley office at 650 North Meridian St, Indpls, IN 46204. (Please note on the face of the petition that the prospective member is also a Master Mason candidate.)
- Also, use this opportunity to **encourage current Master Masons to take advantage of this class.** Invite them to renew their Masonic commitment by witnessing the symbolic Lodge degrees earlier in the day and then be part of the Scottish Rite and Shrine class.
- For those wishing to continue their journey by becoming a Shriner, **Murat Shrine will be performing a Ceremonial** at the Scottish Rite on that day. Brethren are invited to stay for dinner and become part of an organization that supports the world's greatest philanthropy.
- **Complete the enclosed petition** and send to the Shrine at 510 North New Jersey St, Indpls, IN 46204 and attach the **fee of \$200** which includes initiation fees and fez.

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Petitions are being accepted now – don't delay.

Petition for the Degrees of Masonry

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of
_____ Lodge No. _____, F. & A.M.
_____, Indiana

The petition of the subscriber respectfully represents that having long entertained a favorable opinion of your ancient Institution and having a belief in God, he is desirous of being admitted a member thereof if found worthy.

He was born on the _____ day of _____, _____, at _____, State of _____. He has resided within the jurisdiction of your Lodge for the period of _____ years and _____ months next preceding the date of this petition. He has not been rejected by any other Masonic Lodge within the period of one year. The character of the business in which he is engaged as proprietor or employee is _____

Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, _____

Signed: _____

All given names must be signed and in full and by the petitioner in person (Reg. 29.030)

Typewrite or print full name here

Recommended by Brothers

Have known petitioner _____ years.

Have known petitioner _____ years.

Presented _____

Disposition

Referred to the following committee:

Elected _____

E. A. _____

F. C. _____

M. M. _____

Mentor _____

Rejected _____

PETITIONER'S QUESTIONNAIRE

(Both petition and questionnaire should be filled out in detail and signed by petitioner in his own handwriting)

1. Name _____
Usual Signature

2. Age _____ Social Security No. _____

3. Residence _____

Give Zip Code

4. Telephone No. _____
Residence Business

5. Email Address _____

6. Have you ever served in the armed forces? _____

7. Father's name _____
All Names in Full

8. Father's address _____
Give Zip Code

9. What is (or was) your father's occupation? _____

10. Is (or was) your father a Mason? _____

11. If so, in what Lodge is (or was) his membership? _____

12. Are any of your brothers Masons? _____

13. If so, give their names, addresses, and the names and location of their Lodges.

14. Are you married? _____

Wife's name _____

15. If so, date _____

and place of marriage _____

16. Where did you last vote in an election, either local, state or national?

On _____

at _____

17. Give complete addresses of where you have lived for 10 years past.

18. List places of employment for last 10 years.

19. Present occupation. _____

20. Name of firm. _____

21. Location of firm. _____

22. Have you ever been denied membership in, or withdrawn your petition to, or suspended or expelled from any fraternal organization?

23. If so, give particulars. _____

24. Give names and complete addresses of three business or professional references other than those who signed this petition.

25. Do you have any physical impairment? _____

26. _____

27. Have you ever been convicted for a criminal offense (minor traffic violations excepted) in a court of competent jurisdiction?

Yes _____ No _____

28. If Yes, give details. _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Petition for Degrees

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis

Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

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2002 Initiation Fee \$100

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VISA



MasterCard

No. _____ Expiration Date ____/____/____

If paying by check,

Make Checks Payable To:

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

Amount enclosed

with petition..... \$100

To the Officers and Members of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis

Date _____

I, _____, respectfully show that I am desirous of being admitted as a member of your honorable body, and humbly request that I may be received among you, and I will ever pray for the prosperity and glory of the Fraternity and the welfare of the brethren.

In making this application, I promise on my word of honor that should I be elected and become a member of your honorable body, I will bear true faith, allegiance and fealty to 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, under whose authority the said body is now holden, and will support and abide by its Constitutions, Statutes, Orders and Decrees; that I will hold allegiance to the said Supreme Council and be loyal hereto as the supreme authority of the Rite; will hold illegal and spurious every other body that may be established within its Jurisdiction claiming to be a Supreme Council to which said Supreme Council has not extended due recognition as such; and every other Body of said Rite within the same jurisdiction that does not hold its powers from said Supreme Council, or from a Supreme Council recognized by it, and will hold no communications whatever in Scottish Rite Masonry with any member of the same nor allow him to visit any Body of the Rite of which I may be a member; and I will dispense justice to my brethren according to the laws of equity and honor.

EACH QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED IN FULL

(Please PRINT or TYPE)

When born _____ Place of Birth _____
Month, Day, Year

Resides at _____ Street No. _____ Months } Strike ZIP Code
Years } Out One

I have resided in the State of Indiana _____ Year(s), and in this Jurisdiction _____

Occupation _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____ - - - - -
Give Details

Business Address _____ Firm Name _____

I have _____ before petitioned for the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

I am now a member of _____ Lodge No. _____ F. & A.M., located at _____

The By-Laws provide "A petition for the degrees shall be signed by the applicant's own hand, and by two members of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, who shall certify to their personal acquaintance with the petitioner and his qualifications for membership."

I have personally read the foregoing petition, and, in testimony of my full understanding thereof, have with my own hand affixed my name hereto.

Recommended by: (Please PRINT or TYPE)

Signed: X _____
First Middle Last Name
INITIALS ARE INSUFFICIENT

1. _____ Rite No. _____

RESIDENT OF _____ COUNTY

Typewrite or Print Name Here

ABOVE SIGNER IS A MEMBER OF # _____ LODGE

2. _____ Rite No. _____

Mailing Address: (to be completed by Candidate)

ABOVE SIGNER IS A MEMBER OF # _____ LODGE

Please PRINT or TYPE

Have Blue Lodge Secretary certify here.
If not convenient, the Scottish Rite Secretary will secure same.
I hereby certify on this date, _____ 20 _____
Bro. _____
is an affiliated Master Mason and a member in good standing.
of _____ Lodge No. _____ F. & A.M.
located at _____
(SEAL) _____ Secretary

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Work Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Wife's Name _____

Murat

Rare Great Opportunities

My Brothers,

Good opportunities are few and far between. Great ones are even more rare. The prudent Mason will recognize them for what they are and take action so they do not slip by unrealized. Just such an opportunity has been given us by our Grand Master Roger VanGorden, and, if we are to be true to our craft, we must act now to maximize its potential.

Our opportunity is the “all the way in 1 day” class that will be given on September 28th at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. All three Blue Lodge degrees will be conferred in full form, followed by the 32nd degree and the Shrine

ceremonial.

Many of you may remember the class in 2000 which had a similar format.

On that day 500 men become Masons, 400

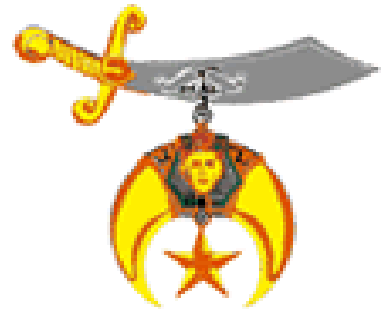
become 32nd degree Scottish Rite Masons, and 275 crossed the sands to become Shrine Masons. To quote Tom Fallis, Shrine Mason and past Sovereign Prince, “This was a great day to be a Mason.”

In other parts of our Nation one day classes have met with tremendous success. Most notably, in Ohio 8400 men were raised in one day just a few short months ago. No one can, or should, argue with that kind of response

to a new and forward thinking way of bringing men into our fraternity. I am aware that some believe that this process somehow takes away from the ritual or makes a man less likely to be committed to being active.

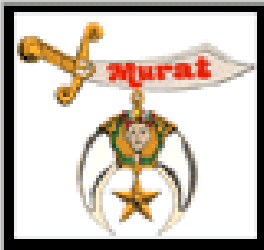
Nothing could be further from the truth! Anyone who was in attendance at the one day class in 2000 will tell you that the degree

work was top notch. Statistics prove that the men who went through that class have been **MORE ACTIVE** in Masonry than those who have gone the more traditional route—either before or after. What a great success!!



Now we have another opportunity to make good men Masons and create more Scottish Rite Masons and Shrine Masons in the process. The Potentate and members of the Murat Divan fully support this joint program and pledge to work with the leadership of the Scottish Rite and the Grand Lodge to make this class and future ones a success. To make that happen, we need every member to put forth earnest efforts to recruit good men to join us in our labors. We need lodges to meet and read

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Date: September 28, 2002

Cost: \$200.00

Fez Size: _____

PETITION FOR INITIATION & MEMBERSHIP MURAT TEMPLE

TO THE POTENTATE, OFFICERS AND NOBLES OF MURAT TEMPLE, SITUATED IN THE OASIS OF INDIANAPOLIS, DESERT OF INDIANA.

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in _____
Lodge # _____ located at _____, _____

City State

Which is a Lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. A copy of my current dues card is submitted as proof. Furthermore, I have resided at my current address for not less than 6 months, as required the Bylaws of The Imperial Council. I respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your temple.

If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of The Imperial Council and the Bylaws and Ceremonies of your temple.

Birthplace: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Were you ever DeMolay? _____ If so, what was the Chapter name and location? _____

Profession or Occupation: _____

Have you previously applied for admission to any temple of the Order? _____

If so, what temple? _____ When? _____

Residence Address: _____

Street

City

County

State

Zip

Business Address: _____

Street

City

County

State

Zip

Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Mail Address: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Wife's Name: _____

Date _____ 20____ Signature _____

Print Full Name Here: _____

Name in Full, *initials not sufficient*

Recommended and Vouched for on the Honor of Noble _____ No. _____

Noble _____ No. _____

Credit Card Information:

Visa: Master Card: Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

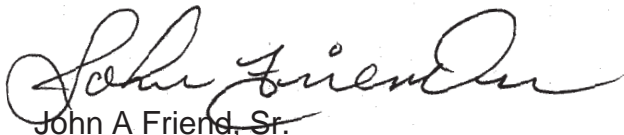
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petitions during special called meetings some time this month or in early August so that the candidates can be voted on in September. In short, we need your help and your immediate action.

The opportunity presented to us reminds me of a conversation I once listened to as I stood on the floor of a Masonic Lodge. One man was asking another to wait with patience, this being neither the time nor place for an action. The other man, being determined in his course, said "Speak to me not of time or place! **THIS IS THE TIME, AND HERE IS THE PLACE!**" While ultimately his motives were impure, his commitment to action was very sure, and the consequences were very real. We need that same commitment to action to make this endeavor successful. I ask you now, as your brother and as your Potentate, to put forth the effort necessary achieve success for all our Masonic bodies. *Working together we cannot fail.*

Always remember....."Together WE can!"

Fraternally,



John A. Friend, Sr.
Potentate



**Grand Lodge Future
One Day Class Dates**

- October 26 - Evansville**
- January 25th - Terre Haute**
- February 1st - South Bend**
- April 12th - Ft Wayne**
- May 3rd - Indianapolis**



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