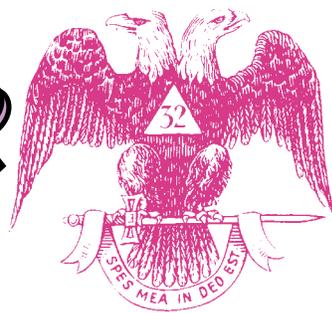


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...mmm good -- Bean Supper Set to Aid Indiana Food Pantry



Help us kick-off a new Fall Season with our traditional **59th Annual Bean Supper** on Friday, Sept 5th at 7 pm.

We'll trade you a canned food item for a sumptuous traditional bean supper and corned bread. A Central Indiana food pantry benefits and you enjoy great Masonic fellowship.

Let us know you are coming by sending in the reservation card found in the center of this Double Eagle Magazine.

Enjoy a great meal and a great speaker for a fun evening. This year's entertainer is Wes Harrison -- better known as "Mr. Sound Effects". He will humor you with his amazing microphone shenanigans and light hearted comedy. Bring a Master Mason as your guest and introduce him to the Scottish Rite and our beautiful Cathedral. We encourage you to bring any petitions you have for our October class! Petitions are available by visiting our web site at

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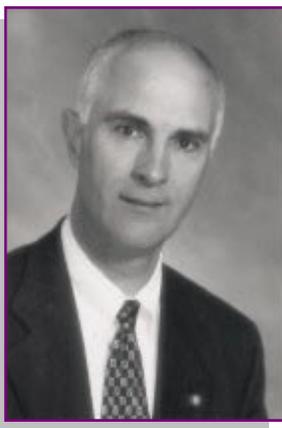


How to Build a Membership

Your Membership Privileges

What an exciting time to be a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Indianapolis Valley. You have more things to proud of, more opportunities for service, more ways to learn and benefit from your membership than ever before.

While we want you to participate in Valley events, there are some membership benefits beyond the activities:



- Eligibility for college scholarships for you and your children or grandchildren;
- Discounts on rental of rooms for your personal use in our magnificent Cathedral;
- Programs designed to care for you and your family such as the Good Cheer Committee visitations when you are ill and support for the widows of members through the monthly Friendship Circle gatherings.

You can be proud of the many programs that the Valley has to assist others:

- The 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center for Children is currently assisting 40 children to overcome dyslexia through free of charge, individual tutoring;
- The Scottish Rite of Indianapolis Foundation provided funding to 15 community and Masonic related organizations to assist them in serving others;
- Last year the Hospitaller paid over \$10,000 in dues for members who were experiencing temporary financial difficulties.

If you participate in Valley activities, the 2003-2004 calendar has 35 events with 20 of them free to members and the balance heavily subsidized by the Valley. You will find family events such as Children's Halloween and Christmas Parties, an evening for the family to enjoy a movie and fellowship on a Friday night, and entertainments for Fathers and Sons and Daughters. This is in addition to traditional favorites such as the Bean Supper and Purdue Glee Club performance.

- If you attend just the free events, including enjoying meals at the two Convocations, the savings to you over cost of the events is \$187 annually.
- You will maximize your benefits at \$395 annually if you attend all events.

But the fraternity is special and not just a club where you can enjoy activities. Scottish Rite members know that we have taken on a vow to be a better fathers and husbands, that all Masons meet on the level no matter their station in life and that we can learn from each other. We are reminded that we have been the recipient of many great gifts and the fraternity provides an outlet for us to give something back. Our charitable endeavors are unparalleled by any service organization and provide opportunities not just to make a financial contribution, but to get personally involved in making a difference.

You can also enhance your enjoyment through participation:

- Be an actor on stage or work back stage on the crew, make-up or properties;
- Showcase the Cathedral through volunteering as a Tour Guide;
- Volunteer to be a Tiler and greet and direct visitors to the facility;
- Serve on a committee such as banquet or safety or assist candidates during the degrees by being a part of the Assistant Master of Ceremonies Committee.

You will soon be receiving your dues statement for 2004. Consider the above benefits and I am sure you will share my excitement in what the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis has to offer you as a 32nd degree Mason.

Jeffrey K. Saunders
Executive Director

Address comments to:
doubleeagle@aastr-indy.org



Officer's Retreat

The officers of the Valley spent all day on Saturday, Aug 2nd planning out the upcoming year for benefit of our 18,000+ members. Several topics of conversation dominated the day which included Membership Development, Budget, October Convocation/Reunion, Physical Plant, and Dues Increase.

After the day's work, a fun evening aboard the historic Nickel Plate train operated by the Indiana Transportation Museum was planned with boarding at Fishers and dinner in Atlanta (Indiana). Shown here are Chip and Betsy Walker, Linda & Jeff Saunders, and Malia & Rodney Mann. *All Aboard!*



New Year Begins at Learning Center



Mystic Tie Lodge presents check for \$500 to the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis Foundation for use in the endowment campaign of the Learning Center. Bill Failey, Secretary, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 398; Jeff Saunders, Executive Director; and, Russ Murphy, Chairman, Learning Center Endowment Campaign; and, Jim Pickett, WM, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 398.

The birthday celebration was held Sunday, June 29, 2003 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral and was a time to recognize and celebrate the many successes that have resulted from the four years of the 32° Masonic Learning Center's operation. Students and their families, tutors, and staff, along with Scottish Rite members enjoyed refreshments and Teddy Bear table decorations. The festivities ended with a matinee performance of "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp" in the Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Chuck Brandt, Board President, and Martha Robinson, Center Director, honored the 12 tutor graduates who have completed the Scottish Rite training and practi-

cum hours with certificates, and the gift of a Learning Center book bag. All newly graduated tutors plan to return as tutors at the Learning Center the next year. During the summer, 9 new trainees began tutor training under Martha Robinson. They will continue their training throughout the year with a supervised practicum, proving hands-on experience.

Eleven students received a Certificate of Successful Completion! This is testimony to the success of the mission of the Learning Center and the motivation and dedication of the students and their tutors. Congratulations!

The fall semester will begin in September with 45 students and it assured that the groundwork for future celebrations is in place.

Address Learning Center comments to:
director@indylearningcenter.org

Campaign for the Cathedral

The Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation, Inc. has received a grant from a local family foundation.



Richard D. Hull

This grant is to be used to install a new audio system in the Auditorium. Our existing speaker and amplifier system is at least ten (10) years old and no longer adequately handles our sound needs. The new system will consist of a minimum of 16 separate self-amplified speakers strategically aimed to insure the best possible audio quality in the main auditorium. Our balcony patrons will enjoy the same audio quality with the installation of additional speakers in that location. Your

first opportunity to experience the new system will be during our Fall Convocation on October 3rd and 4th 2003.

I would like to take this time to express my thanks for the recent Memorial contributions to the Foundation. An article in the January 2003 issue of The Double Eagle, explained this program and the response has been outstanding. In an effort to recognize these memorials, a listing will appear in The Double Eagle as often as possible.

As a reminder, forms are available and we would be happy to send you a small supply with envelopes for your convenience.

Please contact the Cathedral Foundation at (317) 262-3121, (800) 489-3579 or foundation@asr-indy.org

MEMORIALS

- Anonymous donor in memory of Keith Purcell
- Carol Y. Brubaker in memory of Esther Hackemeyer-Leech
- Jenny Brunσμα in memory of Paul Strieck
- Jenny Brunσμα in memory of Esther Hackemeyer-Leech
- Joseph H. Clark in memory of Thomas H. Cochrane
- Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Dieterlen in memory of Keith Purcell
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Eads in memory of Keith Purcell
- Rex D. Fleenor in memory of Thomas H. Cochrane
- James & Bonnie Garrett in memory of Keith Purcell
- Jerry & Barbra Garrett in memory of Esther Hackemeyer-Leech
- Sue E. Gleason in memory of Esther Hackemeyer-Leech
- Dwayne & Pat Gott in memory of Keith Purcell
- Gerald & Marcia Hayes in memory of Esther Hackemeyer-Leech
- Indianapolis High Twelve Club in memory of Keith Purcell
- Jeff & Debbie Jones in memory of Keith Purcell
- Jim & Michelle Jones in memory of Keith Purcell
- Charles L. Lehman in memory of Keith Purcell
- Catherine Lowenstine in memory of Esther Hackemeyer-Leech
- Larry J. McClain in memory of Keith Purcell
- Michael A. Moxley in memory of Keith Purcell
- William A. Munson in memory of Keith Purcell
- Russ Murphy in memory of Keith Purcell
- Russ Murphy in memory of Charles Watts
- Lucille Perkins in memory of Keith Purcell
- Vernon & Lynda Reid in memory of Esther Hackemeyer-Leech
- John J. Quinn in memory of Keith Purcell
- Marie W. Schoch in memory of H. Bernard Schoch
- Barbara A. Seay in memory of Carl Seay
- William A. Sigman in memory of Keith Purcell
- Cricket Standard in memory of Keith Purcell
- Carroll & Barbara Sumner in memory of Esther Hackemeyer-Leech
- Phillip D. Whisner in memory of Keith Purcell

Memorials through 6-30-2003

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Indiana History

VP-Elect Takes Masonic Degrees Returns for Fall Scottish Rite Class

by William D Richter, 33°
Past Most Wise Master

After several years of desiring to become a Mason, on election day, November 8, 1904, Charles Warren Fairbanks finally decided to take the step. Some time later his former law partner, Brother Elias J Jacoby, recalled in a letter: "In the most casual way the subject was brought up on election day and he again expressed that wish. He had previously refrained from taking these necessary steps lest his action might be misconstrued as being in some measure for political effect."

However, on this particular election day, Fairbanks, who was then a United States Senator from Indiana, was elected to the high office of Vice President of the United States. The position of Vice President had remained vacant since Vice President Roosevelt succeeded to the Presidency in 1901, due to the assassination of President William McKinley. So to help balance the ticket and carry the State of Indiana, Roosevelt selected Fairbanks as his running mate for the election of 1904. The strategy worked and the country voted Roosevelt back for another term.

These were exciting times for Indianapolis. The Soldiers and Sailors Monument had been dedicated in 1902, after 14 years of construction. By 1903, the 450-room Claypool Hotel opened with each room having a private bath. The new Federal Building (U.S. Court House and Post Office) had its cornerstone placed with full Masonic ceremonies. Hundreds of passengers entered and departed from the city via the 200 trains that arrived daily at Union Station. And in the political arena, the city had recently produced President Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893). And now, Charles Warren Fairbanks, a resident of Indianapolis, was a Vice-President elect.

The Vice President-elect's petition for membership was presented to Oriental Lodge #500 and on December 13, 1904, he was elected to receive the degrees. Then, in what must have been most unusual circumstances for that era, Mr. Fairbanks received all three degrees on the same day. The following is taken directly from Dwight L Smith's outstanding history of Indiana Freemasonry - *Goodly Heritage*:

"The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred in the hall of Oriental Lodge #500 at 11th Street and College Avenue at 10 o'clock the morning of December 27, with about 275 Brethren present. Between degrees they were closeted in a private room for instruction. Lunch was served to them there. Three hundred were on hand at 2 o'clock that afternoon for the Fellow Craft degree.

To accommodate the crowd for the Master Mason degree that night the Lodge went to the Scottish Rite Cathedral on South Pennsylvania Street. The *Indianapolis News* reported an attendance of 1,200.

Past Grand Master Rice, then editor of the *Masonic Advocate*, added this interesting sidelight:

The ceremonies and lectures in each degree were given in full, and the three hours intervening between degrees, the candidate made the requisite proficiency to entitle him to advancement. This was clearly shown by his examination in open Lodge..."

Brother Fairbanks, the sitting Vice President of the United States, returned to Indianapolis from Washington D.C. to be a part of the Fall Class of 1905, and become a member of the Indianapolis Valley. He took great pleasure in the ceremonies and was further honored by being elected President of the Class.

After his term as Vice President, Brother Fairbanks returned to Indianapolis to resume his law practice. In 1910, he built a new home in the up-scale North Park Addition at 30th Street & Meridian Street and remained active in the Indianapolis Valley until his death in 1918. In 1915, for the fifty-year Golden Jubilee of the Indianapolis Valley, Brother Fairbanks was invited to deliver the address of welcome. He graciously accepted and the text of his stirring talk has survived and can be found in the Valley's library.

It is with a great deal of pride that we can count in this Valley's heritage, a brother with the stature of Charles Warren Fairbanks.



Charles Warren Fairbanks
Indianapolis Resident
VP & Brother Mason

Executive Committee Report

Proposed Dues Increase Will Keep Cathedral Strong

During the first week of August all members should have received a letter with details of the proposed dues increase. Please be sure to read Jeff Saunder's discussion on Page 2 about our activities and consider those specifics when taking in this article.

Fifty years ago the benevolent funds of the Valley helped construct the Scottish Rite Building at the Indiana Masonic Home, which is still in use by residents today. Many members were helped during the depression and dues for all members were lowered from \$25 in 1933 to \$12.50 in 1934 to assist Brethren to maintain their memberships.

A Cathedral for the Ages

The Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral, completed in 1929, remains the crown jewel in all of Freemasonry. The preservation and maintenance of this facility has been a source of pride for members for nearly 75 years.

A member of the class of 1928 recently remarked that the beauty and magnificence of the structure continues to amaze him and that he sees new inspiration every day. That same awe is present in members of the Class of 2003. While the membership dues do not have to fund repayment of the debt from building costs that were present in the Valley budgets of the 1930's and 1940's, the ever increasing cost of maintaining an older structure has pushed the building expenses to nearly \$850,000 annually. Rental of the facility to outside groups is a necessity to provide income to offset these costs but additional funds are needed to maintain the beauty of the Cathedral for future ages.

Fiscal Responsibility

The Valley budget in 1933, just after the Cathedral was completed, was \$152,668. Adjusting for inflation, that amount is \$2.16 million in today's dollars. Comparing that with the actual 2003 budget at \$2.17 million, demonstrates that the Valley has maintained the responsibility of spending dollars wisely. However, the

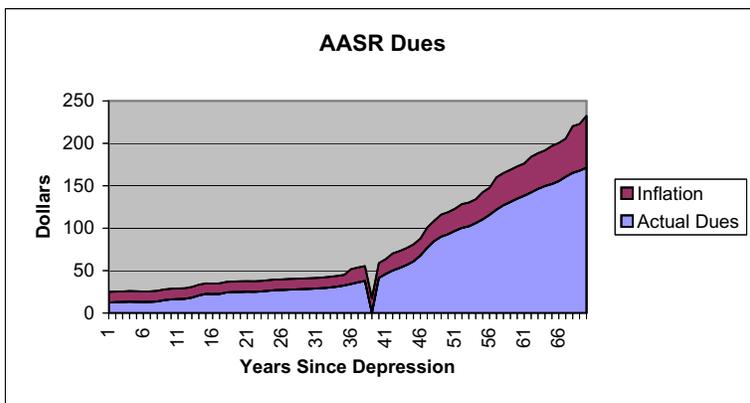
dues shows a long period of status quo without regard to inflation. In fact, dues remained unchanged for 35 years and have only risen an average of 2% per year for the last 70 years. We simply have not matched our dues income with the necessary and reasonable growth in expenditures.

Proposal for Change

The dues needed to maintain our current position of a leader in the fraternity is less than \$10 per month.

Scottish Rite membership means so much to every member, but for very different reasons. Whatever those reasons, the leadership of the Valley is committed to providing high value for the amount of dues paid.

The Executive Committee has studied the long-range plan and is recommending that the dues and assessments be



increased to \$115 per member.

If passed at the September Stated meeting, the Valley will offer several payment options, including monthly or quarterly bank drafts which could reduce the outlay to as little as \$10 per month.

Out-of-State members who are unable to enjoy many of the benefits of membership, may receive a 50% discount of the dues portion upon request. Of course, life memberships are available to ensure your continuing status as a 32nd degree Mason.

This proposal was presented by the Trustees at the Stated Meeting in June and was referred to the Executive Committee for review, and, after considerable review, are recommending approval of this proposal. The vote will be taken at the Stated Meeting on Wednesday, Sept 3, 2003. The Valley officers ask for your support of this proposal.

Our past position of influence, our present history of innovation and leadership, and our future commitment to quality and value demand no less.

October 3-4 Convocation & Reunion

honoring Ill William G Walther, 33°

Adoniram Lodge of Perfection Degrees

Friday 10 am Oath of Fealty
 4° Secret Master
 11° Sublime Master Elect

12 Noon Lunch

1:15 pm 14° Grand Elect Mason &
 Investiture of Gold Rings

Saraiah Council of Princes of Jerusalem Degrees

15° Knight of the East or Sword
 16° Prince of Jerusalem

Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix Degrees

Friday 7 pm 17° Knight of the East & West
 18° Knight of the Rose Croix

Indiana Consistory Degrees

Saturday 9:30 19° Grand Pontiff
 20° Master ad Vitam

12 Noon Lunch

1:30 32° Sublime Prince Royal Secret

Bring a candidate -- no bring 3 -- and get next year's dues FREE! See Page 9 for details.

Brain Teaser Contest #2

These are the June Winners. The correct answers were: #1 - Electric engines don't blow smoke; #2 - It's cheaper to take two friends at the same time. In this case you would be only buying 3 tickets, whereas, if you take the same friend twice you are buying 4 tickets; and, #3 - Cousin does not belong since all the others refer to a specific sex.

Congratulations to these winners:

Bryan Daugherty
 Richard M. Loveall
 John Ausman
 Steven Chmielewski
 Matthew Simmons
 Jim Johnston
 W. Andrew Himebaugh
 Mrs Carl V Lindley
 Michael W. Harrison
 Jack Mayrose
 D. Duke
 Don Andrews
 Alfred Daniel Gates
 Jesse E. Hilgert, Jr.
 Malcolm McNeil
 Forrest V. Cooper
 Dewey Wheat
 James H. Harding



Local Member Honored by Goodwill

George E. Galyean, 33°, Past Thrice Master and current Trustee of the Indianapolis Valley has been honored by Goodwill Industries International for his work with international outreach effort.:

George who is Senior Vice President of Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana has been awarded the Global Outreach Award for his participation in activities that led to the successful globalization of Goodwill's retail model in the United Kingdom.

A team of Goodwill experts provided both group and individual consultations to the Shaw Trust, a not-for-profit located in Great Britain, over a two year period beginning in October 1999. Because of the improvement in sales on the retail side, the Shaw Trust has been able to serve an additional 4,000 people with disabilities per year. To quote Howard Wallack, Director Goodwill Global, Inc. "There is great potential and business opportunity in the international arena to replicate the Goodwill model to help severely disadvantaged people in the poorest of countries. Developing and expanding these opportunities globally also helps Goodwill reach its 21st Century initiative goal of helping 20 million people around the world gain economic independence by 2020."



Membership Development Changes Course



Tom Fallis Returns to Chair Committee

History, traditions, and friendships are three important aspects that helped guide my footsteps through life. Little did I know that in the fall of 1989 I would join an organization that would encompass these three things and would help me grow as a person.

As an 8th generation Mason and a 4th generation Scottish Rite Mason, the history and traditions in my family revolve around the fraternity.

When Clark McKenney, my great-grandfather, came home after a week of seeing degree work at the old Scottish Rite building, he couldn't quit talking about how it changed his life. It wasn't the fact that he sat on the floor back-to-back with another brother through 29 degrees that changed his life; it was the teachings of the degrees and the friendships that he made with those brothers with which he shared that week.

I am glad that the Scottish Rite traditions have remained constant. In the 68 years between the times that Grandpa McKenney joined and I joined much has changed, but the traditions have remained the same. Yes, the building is different, the degrees have been rewritten, and the faces around the Cathedral have changed, but the lessons of the degrees and the friendships that are formed are what hold the Scottish Rite together. The Scottish Rite has given me so much in such a short time and for that I am eternally grateful.

This year, your Executive Committee and Membership Development Committee have laid the foundations for some new traditions as well as building on the old ones. Let's start with the old.

The Scottish Rite will be having two full Convocation/ Reunions this year. The dates for the Reunions will be October 3-4, 2003 and March 12-13, 2004. These Convocations will follow similar schedules as in the past, but with one exception: they will start earlier on Friday and conclude in the afternoon on Saturday. This schedule will allow each candidate enough free time during the two days to get to know the building and the Officers of the Valley. The Convocation/ Reunions are designed not only for the Candidate to receive further light in Masonry, but to build those close associations with his Brothers that can last a lifetime. Now, let's find out what's new.



14th Degree Ring, Free 2004 Dues, Privileges

This year each Candidate will receive a token that will be a lasting reminder to him of the day that he became a 32nd Degree Mason. During the 14th Degree, each Candidate will be invested with a 10K Gold 14th Degree Ring that is his to wear while laboring among us as a Scottish Rite Mason.

Also, each candidate will receive his first year's dues free. Whether he joins in the fall or spring, he will not have to pay his first annual dues until 2005.

Once a Brother becomes a 32nd Degree Mason he is entitled to all of the rights and privileges that accompany membership in the Valley. All of the activities at the Cathedral are open to him and his family. Scottish Rite has something to offer for everyone. We have everything from plays and musical productions to Children's parties.



We have numerous committees that he can join as well as the opportunity to work on the stage as either an actor or a stage crew member. We have an Orchestra and a Chorus for those men who are more musically inclined than I.

The initiation fee for either the fall or the spring class is only \$225. Don't forget, you get your dues free for a year and you get a ring that is yours to keep. Additionally, you get to be a part of the history, traditions, and friendships that have been a part of the Valley of Indianapolis since it was chartered in 1865. Come and find out for yourself what four generations of my family have discovered.

Come and live the history, be a part of the traditions, and discover the friendships of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis.

Masonic Education Program Offered

The Valley of Indianapolis is offering to Lodges in its jurisdiction a Masonic Education Program about Scottish Rite Freemasonry. This 25 minute Power Point presentation covers the fraternal history, structure, and benevolence of the Scottish Rite in Indianapolis. If you are interested in having this program presented to your Lodge or organization, then contact Tom Fallis at 317-392-4814 or at councilguy@lightbound.com, I will be happy to set-up a program for you.

Rewards for Petition Signers

This year, the Valley of Indianapolis is offering special rewards to its members who sign-up candidates for our fall and spring Convocation/ Reunions. If you **sign one petition**, you will be eligible to purchase a 10K Gold **14th Degree Ring** for a reduced price of **\$55**.

This year, we are again offering the 3/10 program. This program has been in place for some time, but seems to be one of the best kept secrets at the Scottish Rite. Well, I'm going to let the cat out of the bag. If you **sign three candidates** for either the fall or the spring class or both, you will receive your **next year's dues free**. Or, if you can sign 10 men into the Scottish Rite, then you will receive a life membership in the Valley of Indianapolis. There is

only one catch, the Candidates must become members before April 30, 2004, because the program starts all over again on May 1, 2004. These rewards are attainable, last year alone we awarded 2 life memberships and 47 Brothers received their dues free for a year.



The last reward we have to offer is the **diamond pin** program. This program has been around for what seems to be forever. When you sign-up your first 5 candidates you will receive a Membership Development Lapel Pin. For every 5

Candidates thereafter you will receive a diamond that will be affixed to that pin. The best part of this program is that it is cumulative, you never start back again at zero. I hope that you will strive to achieve these rewards. They are a small token of our appreciation for all of your hard work.

A View from Patoka

Observations About Demits and Suspensions

by Bill C Anthis, 33°
Past Deputy for Indiana
and Active Emeritus



Is the goal of the Masonic Fraternity to have a few good men who participate in its activities or is our aspiration to spread Masonic principles as widely as possible by accepting all qualified men who wish to support our cause? We must answer that question before we can make recommendations concerning membership. If we want a few good men who will participate, then we do not need to emphasize membership. We will always have a few good men who participate.

If we believe that numbers are important, we must continue to search for ways to increase our membership. One method for accomplishing this goal would be to eliminate demits and suspensions for non payment of dues? What do we gain when a member takes a demit or is suspended for non-payment of dues? My answer is that we gain nothing, in fact, we lose. We lose a man who was worthy and well qualified, and who had enough interest in our fraternity to petition for membership, spend time proceeding through the degrees, and who might continue to be a valuable member if he believed that by paying his dues he was supporting a worthy cause. What are the reasons for

asking for a demit? One of my former co-workers had an expression that he often used in answer to such questions. "When they say it ain't the money, it's the money." This may not be completely accurate but there is an element of truth in it. Most members that I have contacted make some of the following

comments. "I have not been to lodge for a long time." "I doubt that I could get in if I tried." "I don't enjoy the meetings and activities. I don't have the time to participate." "I don't know many if any of the members." "No one has talked with me about the lodge in a very long time." "I doubt that any of the other members know that I am a member." Even though the cost of membership is small, if a member feels that he is paying for participation rather than making a contribution to the support of a worthy cause, he is likely to ask for a demit. Unless a member feels that he is receiving something for his dues, he may simply stop paying his dues because he doesn't know how to ask for a demit, doesn't want to take time to ask for a demit, or is embarrassed to make contact with the lodge for the purpose of asking for a demit.

Is our goal to find a few good men to participate in activities or spread Masonic principles as widely as possible?

philosophical reasons for asking for a demit. Each year, we should send a dues card to each member, or better yet, personally contact each member and ask for the payment of dues as a contribution to the support of a worthy cause. If he pays, we should express our appreciation. If not, we should con-

We should only approve demits based on a member's opposition to basic Masonic principles.

My proposal is that we only approve those demits that are based upon the member's opposition to basic Masonic principles. There are a few members who develop religious or

continue to maintain contact with him, should remind him of our good works as often as possible, and send him a dues card the next year with a request for the payment of dues as a contribution toward the support of a worthy cause.

the Supreme Council. I am suggesting that if the member doesn't pay, the assessment be waived. After all, what does the Grand Lodge or Supreme Council gain by demits and suspensions? A second objection is that if members find out that they can get by without paying their dues, no member will pay his dues? Come on, what kind of men are we accepting into this fraternity -- name me a member with this attitude? It is better to have a member miss paying his dues for a year or more than to leave him with negative or guilt feelings for the rest of his life because he was suspended or demitted. If a man is good enough to be admitted to our fraternity, he should remain a member so long as he is worthy and well qualified -- with or without the payment of dues.

Brother Anthis occasionally submits his ideas about the fraternity to generate topics for discussion.

One objection to this proposal is that we must pay an assessment to the Grand Lodge and to

49 Oldest Living Valley Members

According to our records, these Brothers are the oldest living members in the Indianapolis Valley. What a celebration of life! If you recognize somebody on this list, give them a friendship telephone call.

COOPER, DON D	05/11/1898	BRADLEY, ALBERT O	5/18/1905
ROSEBERRY, SAMUEL P	07/07/1898	COLE, LLOYD C	6/26/1905
MILLER, PRESTON A	07/09/1897	MACY, OLIVER W	7/3/1905
STEVENS, ASA N	2/17/1901	ARMSTRONG, JOSEPH L	7/25/1905
MCWILLIAMS, FLOYD C	5/8/1901	TEAL, RALPH H	8/11/1905
DEVENING, NORMAN C	9/1/1902	RANEY, SAMUEL M	12/22/1905
GOOD, ARTHUR A	10/9/1902	MCFARLAND, JOHN T	1/15/1906
SWIFT, PERRY A	11/1/1902	JUDAY, CLARENCE B	1/31/1906
HOLLCRAFT, CLARENCE W	4/24/1903	MYERS, MICHAEL L	3/25/1906
KINDRED, CHARLES B	5/13/1903	HOBBS, OMER	3/28/1906
CRAIG, EARL B	5/25/1903	KEELER, WILBUR F	4/8/1906
BEARD, CALVIN C	6/29/1903	LAMOTTE, RALPH R	4/25/1906
DAY, NEWTON E	12/10/1903	TROBAUGH, DONALD T	5/8/1906
DAVIS, FRANCIS H	12/13/1903	STEVENS, WILLIAM R	6/9/1906
FOUST, CLARENCE E	2/24/1904	CRABB, CARROL C	7/19/1906
ANDREWS, FORTUNAT	3/25/1904	MITCHELL, PAUL C	8/18/1906
HUGHES, HARLIN E	3/29/1904	FREESE, ROY	10/24/1906
MCNUTT, GEORGE E	4/4/1904	BANNON, LAWRENCE R	10/31/1906
GILLASPY, WILLIAM M	5/6/1904	THOMPSON, PAUL M	11/17/1906
HAMILTON, JOHN H	5/11/1904	DAVIS, MAURICE R	12/10/1906
CALL, ROBERT N	8/5/1904	TRISLER, FLOYD	1/30/1907
GAMAGE, FRANKLIN T	11/3/1904	AVERY, WILLARD M	2/2/1907
BRAMMER, HOWARD E	11/8/1904	HUBER, SCOTT L	2/12/1907
MORGAN, HAROLD A	2/28/1905	HEITZ, ANDREW L	3/29/1907
HUGHES, JOHN F	4/17/1905		

Chorus & Orchestra Looking for Men

The Scottish Rite Chorus and Orchestra are looking forward to beginning rehearsals for the 2003-2004 year.

Both groups will meet on Monday, Sept 8th. The Chorus rehearsals run from 7:00 to 8:30 pm on the fourth floor of the Cathedral. The Orchestra practices from 7:30 to 9:30 pm on the third floor Ballroom balcony.

The Scottish Rite Chorus performs at Convocations, the Masonic Home, other Masonic events and at selected Church services. During the past five years, the *Double Eagle Quartet* has performed all over central Indiana, in addition to performances at the Indiana State Fair. The Orchestra performs at the Father/Daughter and Father/Son banquets, as well as at convocations. Each December and May, the Chorus and Orchestra, in coordination with the Valley Organists, present a public concert at the Cathedral.

For the first time in its history, membership in the orchestra will be for both men and women. However, in order to preserve a balance among the sections of the orchestra, permission from the conductor is required for membership.

Neither group requires auditions; all we ask is that the person interested enjoys making music, and maintains a good attendance. Our existing members live across Central Indiana. It may be possible for a potential member to car pool with one of our members.

Performing in a Scottish Rite musical organization gives you the opportunity to make new friends, and to give something back to our Fraternity. Those who are interested in learning more about the chorus or orchestra are encouraged to contact one of the following:

Darrell Morris, Chorus Director, 891-0086,
dmorris452@hotmail.com

Jeff Warbinton, Orchestra Conductor 246-7256,
warbintons@comcast.net

If interested, contact one of the above, or phone the Scottish Rite at 262-3100. The receptionist will put you in touch with the appropriate person.

"A Word With You"



Why Your Big Bowl Got Small

Once upon a time, the Hutchcraft family had a little fantail goldfish, and what did our daughter name him? Well, of course, Fanny. And the time came for Fanny's murky old fishbowl water to get changed. Of course, he had to be in water while that was happening



or he would have developed severe respiratory difficulties. So, we put Fanny into this cramped, tiny little bowl and we put it in the kitchen sink...poor little fish. He would try to swim as usual, and he just kept bumping into the sides of the bowl a lot because they were there a lot sooner than usual! It really, obviously, wasn't fun being in that shrunken little environment – but, hey, the purpose was to improve his world...right!

Well, I'm Ron Hutchcraft and I want to have **A WORD WITH YOU today about WHY YOUR BIG BOWL SUDDENLY GOT SMALL.**

If you think about the goldfish, frustrated in a world that suddenly got smaller, you might be able to see a picture of yourself...and what God is doing all this for.



Our word for today from the Word of God in **Psalm 23:1** are familiar words and it describes some of the wonderful ways that God provides for us, leads us, and restores us. You know these words, **"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want."** In God, you have a

Shepherd who knows exactly what you need and when you need it. Now here comes one of His methods for meeting your needs - **"He makes me lie down in green pastures."** That part--that's got a little sting in it...those words, **"He makes me lie down"**. Like I hadn't planned to stop. I may not want to stop. "Hey, someone just hit the brakes! My world suddenly shrank!"

You could be in a time like that right now – because of an injury, a change at work, a burden that's been added to you that's slowed you down, a health setback, a financial setback, or maybe because of a closed door or a lost relationship. If you were a goldfish,



you might be saying, "Hey, I was swimming along in a much bigger bowl – why did my world suddenly get smaller?"

Here's part of the answer in Psalm 23:3 – **"He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake."** God wants to restore your soul . . . He wants to give you specific guidance – and maybe neither one can happen as long as you're swimming full speed in your fast-moving world. Our goldfish probably didn't realize it, but we put him temporarily in a little bowl so we could improve his world.

After his frustrating, but brief, time in a little bowl, he returned to a better, brighter world in his big, clean bowl.

We're like that. For us to have the better perspective, the closer walk, the inner power God wants to give us, He often has to slow us down and temporarily shrink our world. Years ago when my very active wife was bedridden for seven months, recovering from hepatitis, she said, "God has used this time to do something wonderful – He has cleansed my schedule". Hard process, liberating result. That is often God's way.



He makes us lie down, slow down, and quiet down – so He can restore a beat-up soul and give some direction to a stressed-out mind. So don't worry if you suddenly find yourself in a smaller bowl – God is calling you to a timeout so he can return you to a better and brighter world!

Sound like the type of relationship you've been looking for? Find out more about how this relationship with God can be Yours for Life!

(Ron Hutchcraft can be found on the internet at

www.gospelcom.net/rhm.)

Chips from the Quarry

Johnson County Scottish Rite Club

The Johnson County Scottish Rite Club met for its regular Stated Meeting on May 30, 2003 at 6:30 PM at Trafalgar Lodge. The meeting was called to order by President, Lawrence Porter and had approximately 30 members and guests in attendance. Brother Duane Baker received a plaque for being president of the club in the preceding year.

Phil Parkhurst, Grand Lodge Area 29 Rep. and Director of Food Services at the Indiana Masonic Home spoke on the responsibilities of being an area rep. and what he grades Lodges on when he visits during his annual inspections. He also talked on his job as the "chief cook and bottle washer" at the Home. He demonstrated several of the cooking devices that he uses in his everyday operations while preparing approximately 1,440 meals a day, 365 days a year. He presented the following list for our consideration as this is what the Home goes through in one years time:

- 3 Tons of Coffee
- 36,000 Pints of Milk
- 13,300 Loaves of Bread (White, Wheat, and Rye)
- 26,000 Dozen Eggs
- 5,000 Whole Chickens
- 75,500 Servings of Cold Cereal
- 4-6 Tons of Bacon
- 2,400 Hot Dogs
- 6-8 Tons of Ham
- 3 Tons of Roast Beef

George Rogers Clark Scottish Rite Club

The club met for its Annual Meeting at 7:00 PM at the New Albany Masonic Temple. The meeting was presided over by Roy Everitt 2002-2003 President. A dinner consisting of: Baked chicken, rice, gravy, peas and carrots, tossed salad, and cream puffs was served and enjoyed by all. During dinner the 39 members and guests were entertained by a gentleman doing business as "Music by George". After dinner the Club presented a check for \$1,000 to the Special Olympics of Clark County and two of the athletes were also in attendance. With help of the donation they will be going to Ireland with three other athletes from Clark County to compete in international competition. The following Officers were installed for the ensuing year:

- Ray Beets, President
- Gerald Hafley, Vice President
- Joe Hobbble, Secretary
- Ray Jones, Treasurer and Hospitaler
- Charles Heady, Chaplain
- Roy Everitt, Sergeant-at-arms
- Sal Silvano, Bob Utley, & Tom Goode, Trustees
- Jesse Richey, Howard King, & James Slack, Directors

All Past Presidents conducted a ceremony of passing the gavel after the new Officers were installed.

Investment Advice

Laddering Protects Your Portfolio



by Scott Jarman
Saraiah Council Princes of Jerusalem

In an environment where interest rates fluctuate as much as they have in the few years, a very common question is, "How can I protect myself from Interest Rate Risk?"

Without knowing whether interest rates will rise or fall, there is still a way to protect your fixed income portfolio from fluctuating interest rates. This technique is called laddering.

Laddering can be used with any fixed income product whether they are bonds, CD's, Annuities, or any combination thereof.

Laddering, simply put, is spreading out ones fixed income products to mature at different times. For example, one would open a 1, 3, and 5 year CD as opposed to opening one 5 year CD. The amounts and maturities would depend on each persons unique situation.

By laddering fixed income products, the investor protects themselves if rates go up or down. How so? If rates go up, then you can take advantage of that 1 year CD that matures and place it in a high earning long term rate. If rates go down, then you still have the 3 and 5 year CD's earning good rates. This hedges you against interest rate risk. Each persons situation is unique. The maturities and products will be different within the framework of that individual situation.

Laddering is a great technique to protect against changing interest rates. Any financial services representative will be glad to talk to you about different options that are open to you.

Scott Jarman is a banking professional for First Indiana Bank in Indianapolis.

Coming "Rite" Up

New Ticket Office

The Scottish Rite ticket office is now open and operational **Monday through Friday from 10 am til 2 pm**. It is necessary for you to purchase your event tickets through the ticket office during those hours and may be accompanied by cash, Visa, or MasterCard.

Reserved Seating will be offered for many events in the auditorium and the fee for a "Member Free" event will be \$5. For all "Member Charged" events, the additional fee will be \$2. Those holding reserved seating will be admitted to the auditorium through the 2nd floor -- all others will be admitted through the 3rd floor entrances. Call the office with questions at 262-3100 extension #235.

Valley Golf



This Fall's Scottish Rite Golf Outing will be held on **Mon, Sept 29th with a noon shotgun** start at Greensburg Country Club. Register with Bob Holler at bjholler@worldnet.att.net or by calling 317-422-5698. Be sure to call by Sept 8th so we can reserve a great dinner for you for just \$50.

Golf Outing



Thurs, Sept 11th is the 5th Annual Golf Outing benefitting the 32° Children's Learning Center here in Indianapolis and held at Morningstar Golf Club. This event is a delightful way to spend the afternoon and support the center. Contests and door prizes will follow a sumptuous steak dinner cookout. Call Chuck Brandt for golfing reservations or to sponsor a hole at 317-769-7448.

Father/Daughter Banquet

The 17th Annual Father/Daughter Banquet will be held on **Sat, Oct 18th at 6 pm**. Members are invited to bring daughters, granddaughters, and daughters adopted for the evening. Come enjoy dinner and an outstanding program featuring "The Wright Company" -- a group that consists of Tim Wright and his two daughters, Emily and Sarah. Together, they are working their way up through the ranks in Nashville. Come and enjoy their wonderful tapping music! Tickets must be purchased 5 days prior through the ticket office at \$15/person.



Mother/Daughter



Join us on **Sat, Sept 13th at 6 pm** for the annual Mother/Daughter Dinner with great food from Thomas Caterers of Distinction. The evening will feature entertainment from the Capitol City Chorus featuring over 70 women singing a wide variety of music. An audience favorite for years, tickets are \$15 and includes dinner and entertainment.

Ladies Luncheons

Spend the afternoon having lunch with the ladies of the Scottish Rite, then enjoy a wonderful program to complete the afternoon. Luncheons are open to members' ladies and their guests. Reserved tickets may be purchased at the Scottish Rite ticket office. A book of tickets for the 4 luncheons are just \$50. Single tickets are available for \$15 each. The first luncheon is on **Tues, Oct 21st** and features Jean Losey -- former Poet Laureate of Indiana. The second Fall event is **Sat, Dec 6th** and will showcase the Indiana Men's Jubilee Chorus.



Coming "Rite" Up

Halloween

The Annual Children's Halloween Party will be held in the Banquet Hall on **Sun, Oct 26th at 3 pm**. This fun filled event is great for the entire family. Carnival games, prizes, and plenty of treats for all of you ghosts and goblins will be available to entertain you. Dress as your favorite TV or cartoon character or as your scariest witch for the Costume Contest for all ages. Awards will be given for the many categories. No tickets are required and is open to all members and their guests. *Be prepared for a scary time!*



Music Fest

The Scottish Rite Orchestra, Chorus, and Organ will present two delightful evenings of music on **Sat, Dec 6th at 7:30 pm** for families and friends. Tickets are required -- however, free tickets are available at the Scottish Rite ticket office for members and their guests. Seats may be reserved for a \$5 fee.

Fall Play

"An Act of Imagination" opens as a successful mystery writer's latest work has strangely turned into romance. His son, his second wife, and his editor marvel at the truthfulness of his work. It is inconceivable that he could know how to write such a story. But, enter a woman, who is intent on blackmail and whose story is foolproof and airtight. Death stalks, the other woman disappears and the evidence incriminates Arthur in her murder.



Join us on **Fri, Nov 7th & 14th and Sat, Nov 8th & 15th at 7:30 pm** for this intrigue. No charge for members and their guests; however, seats may be reserved for a \$5 fee. Tickets for the public are \$10 -- \$12 reserved. Dinner is available prior to the show from 5-7 pm.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Join us for the Annual Children's Christmas Party on **Sat, Dec 13th at 2 pm**. This party is planned expressly for the entertainment of children and this year will feature "The Melchoir Marionettes", and from Chicago, the comedy and juggling of Mike VonDruska. Bring all the kids to enjoy this musical variety show that has no age or language barrier. After the show meet Santa and Mrs Claus over refreshments in the Banquet Hall. This party is FREE for children, grandchildren, and guests of members.



New Year's Party

On **Sat, Jan 10th** start out the New Year right with an elegant dinner at 6 pm in the Ballroom followed at 7:30 pm by a sophisticated evening of comedy and music provided by Dave Dugan and then continue the evening with "Cathy Morris and her band Collage". They will provide contemporary jazz spiced music with Latin rhythms and Cajun fun all brought to life through the strings of her violin. Tickets are available at the ticket office for \$35 per person.



Madrigal Dinner

First time for this traditional Holiday event. Join us on **Fri, Dec 5th at 6 pm** for a traditional madrigal feast and entertainment by the King's Court Singers of North Central High School in Indianapolis. Tickets are \$25 for members and their guests. Start a holiday tradition.



Through the Cathedral Window

The Hope to Win, the Zeal to Dare

**by Jerry B Collins, 33°
Editor**

Nearly 2 years ago I wrote about my days of prep school at Culver Military Academy -- it was a formative period of my life. My parents had divorced earlier and it seems that every member of my family was struggling with their identity. Divorce does that to families. Commitments aren't what they used to be.

The titans of our fraternity tell me about the days when you could walk into a local bank and borrow a sum of money literally on a hand shake. When somebody shook on something, it was their bond and stronger than the pen. I just completed some paperwork to begin a business relationship with a large company. I had to fill out a 38-page "information booklet" and over the course of the next two weeks, if I heard it once, I heard it a dozen times, "I just need one more thing".

Life has gotten very complicated, it seems. We, as a society, have become sticklers for using words in a very particular way so as to be able to wiggle out of anything at a later date, if we need to. Imagine our forefathers debating the meaning of the word "is".



Getting a little older and a little grayer naturally comes with age -- however, I believe that wisdom doesn't necessarily follow with age. We need to be ever vigilant in our everyday dealings with people so we don't slip into the current Americana -- constantly justifying and rationalizing our wrongdoings and shedding blame. I recently had a discussion with my daughter about how downloading songs from the internet is stealing. "But Daddy, all of my friends are doing it." How many times have we parents heard that line?

I'm not much for quotes, but I heard a good one in church the other day, "Life is not about the number of breaths we take, but by those things that take our breath away." That simple reflection brought back an ancient (for me) memory of my Culver days: The Culver Creed. We were all required to memorize it and I was able to bring it back the very first time in 37 years:

*The Hope to win, the Zeal to dare,
Contempt for what is base and mean, Pride in achievement that is fair and high regard for what is clean. The Strength that is in Brotherhood, the Courage that proclaims success, the Will to strive for what is good and first and always Godliness."*

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