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## Can You Hear Me Now? New Auditorium Sound System

If you attended the Father/Daughter Banquet on October 18, 2003, you had the first opportunity to hear the new sound system that has been installed in the Auditorium. Musical entertainment featured "The Wright Company," a local Father and Daughter trio who possessed the talent and ability to showcase the capabilities of this new speaker system.

Recently the dramatic department headed up by Bill Woodruff, 33° has made sound enhancements because of the many dead spots throughout the auditorium. "In the past, if you sat on the arena floor, there were virtually no sound enhancements that could be heard with the old system." By upgrading the stage microphones with headsets the actors could "invisibly" wear, by shielding coaxial cable in the "snake runs", and now with the new speakers hung on opposite sides of the stage, every seat has crystal clear audio without feedback and scratchy shorting noises the old system often produced.

The system was installed by ESCO Communications, an Indianapolis firm with over 40 years of experience in communications systems including Conesco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. The system in the auditorium is state of the art technology and is the final piece in making our overall stage on par with other Indianapolis venues. It supplements the entirely new lighting and rigging system installed in 2000. Assistant Dramatic Director Rich Sharp, 33° and Jack Burlison, 33°, our sound engineer, worked diligently with ESCO engineers to program and balance the system specifically for our space. The system consists of 8 speakers on each side of the stage which are individually tuned to cover all areas. In addition, three speakers were installed in the balcony to provide sound to patrons in those seats where no amplification previously existed.

This project was made possible by a grant from The Christel DeHaan Family Foundation. As part of the grant, the Foundation also funded the purchase and implementation of our new reserved ticket system. With all of these elements in place, we can now bring in additional theatrical and musical programs for the benefit of our members and their guests.



## How to Build a Membership

# What's Your Membership Worth?

by **Jeff Saunders, 33°**  
Executive Director



We all can relate to specific instances when we were proud to be members of the Scottish Rite. Let me share some actual experiences by several of our members.

A member has a child struggling with learning in the public schools. He arranged for private tutoring, but it was expensive and results slow. He learned about the 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center for Children and made application. Now, after just one year in our center, his daughter progressed from reading and comprehension two grade levels below her actual grade in school to two grade levels above. This father was so proud of his daughter but equally proud to be associated with this outstanding program that offers free of charge, one on one tutoring to children in communities throughout central Indiana.

A young member was planning his wedding and wanted to use the Cathedral for the reception. He was excited about the beautiful setting, but also to have a tie to the fraternity for this special day. While he did not know about the member discount on rentals when he came in that day, he walked away with a discount of \$500 simply because he was a member of the Valley of Indianapolis and could use his fraternal home for the occasion.

A member living over 50 miles from the Cathedral doesn't get to Indianapolis very often. He attends a Bean Supper every few years – but to him, Scottish Rite is the fellowship of his local county Scottish Rite club. The club has regular meetings with entertainment provided by the Valley of Indianapolis. His membership is local, but made possible by his affiliation with a larger organization that promotes the values and principles he holds dear.

A member appeared at the ticket office to buy tickets for the Fall play and some upcoming events. He especially wanted some members from his church to attend the play as his guest and wanted tickets for the Madrigal Dinner and New Year's Party. Because he

had faithfully paid his dues and was a member in good standing, he could bring guests to "his" Cathedral at the member rate, was able share with others his pride in membership and in the process saved over \$250 just for being a member.

A member in his mid-forties is putting his daughter through college. She is at Purdue University and has financial aid, but the family is always looking for ways to help with tuition, room and board and books. Through his Scottish Rite membership, he applied for an Abbott Scholarship. The \$1,000 received will help immensely and the prospect of additional awards in future years makes him proud that Scottish Rite Freemasonry cares about his family and future leaders of our nation.

Brethren, it is my sincere hope that you will value your membership, not just because of the personal stories shared by thousands of your brothers, but also by knowing that your standing as a 32nd degree Mason, helps us build families and communities and, though the example our your own lives, strengthen the moral and ethical fiber of our citizens.

*Jeffrey K. Saunders*  
Executive Director



**Brethren, Congratulations on a great first effort! At the Indianapolis Valley of Scottish Rite Masonry Bean Supper last September you contributed 820 lbs of food. You also generously gave \$310.15 in cash which will enable Gleaners Food Bank to distribute 2,792 lbs of food to those in need in Central Indiana. Thanks for your participation. Next year we'll do even better.**



## Members Sponsor Children at the Center

The Fall semester for the learning center is in full swing. Forty students and twenty five tutors regularly file through the doors of the Center for tutoring. In addition, nine newly trained tutors are completing their practicum at the Center this semester. Results continue to be outstanding. It is an exciting place just to be around!

Through your contributions and the generous support of the Supreme Council, we are able to continue to offer this invaluable tutoring on a first come first served basis free of charge to the students. Did you know that it costs approximately \$5,000 per year to tutor a child? The "Sponsor a Child" program allows individuals and organizations to bring the gift of

education to children for one year. This past year, we have raised over \$28,000 through this program to sponsor five children in the program. The Valley sponsored three students this year from contributions from individual members received through dues. The members of the Learning Center Board of Governors personally contributed funds for another student. Major contributors to the program also included the Indiana Real Estate Management organization through their golf outing and the Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

With 65 students on the waiting list – what better way to show our support of the program than to "Sponsor a Child."

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**Approaching 75 years on North Street**

# Valley's Jubilee Celebration Just Around the Corner



### 1929 – 2004

These years signify 75 years that this magnificent Cathedral has been in operation. As we begin a series of historical articles, let's go back to 1912. A movement for new and enlarged quarters had gained momentum. John H. Holliday presented a resolution that a committee be appointed to search for a suitable site, get options, and report back. On November 20th, the committee reported that in their opinion the existing site offered insufficient room for expansion and that adjacent property could not be purchased at reasonable prices without

acquiring other property unsuitable for the needs of the Rite. They, therefore, recommended the purchase of a new site located on the northwest corner of Meridian and North Streets and could be obtained for \$105,000. The purchase was authorized and made.

**April 6, 1917:**  
**1st Adoption of plans for new Cathedral -- same day war with Germany was declared.**

At a stated meeting held November 25, 1914, plans began to be made for a Golden Jubilee celebration of the first fifty years of existence of the Valley of Indianapolis. On December 16, 1914, Walter K. Dynes, Brandt C. Downey,

**November 20, 1928:**  
**Land purchased for \$105,000**

Arthur R. Baxter, Roscoe O. Hawkins, James W. Lilly, Logan Scholl, John J. Twi-

name, and TPM Calvin W. Busch were appointed as the Executive Committee. A class of 432 took the degrees on May 17-20, 1915. The celebration opened on Sunday, May 16th with a Memorial Service in honor of the Founders and Benefactors of the Indianapolis Valley. Former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks gave the next day an address of welcome to the class. Some 2000 Scottish Rite members enjoyed the ritualistic presentation of the degrees on the 17th & 18th. On Wednesday, May 19th, the anniversary of the granting of the Charters, no degree work was given but the time was

given over to inspirational and historical addresses, a luncheon, a band concert, and a great banquet for 4,000 men held at the Coliseum at the State Fairgrounds.

Sovereign Grand Commander Barton Smith headed a delegation of officers of the Supreme Council and in his address said the banquet was, without a doubt, the largest and most wonderful assemblage of Scottish Rite Masons under one roof in the history of the world up to that time.

Another speaker of note was Thomas R. Marshall, Active from Indiana and Vice President of the United States. The culmination of the banquet came with this stirring plea from the principal speaker, Brother William L. Taylor:

We must build another and great cathedral – we have grown . . . Ten years more will see our membership doubled, if not trebled. Let us build a home commensurate with our needs.

We cannot stop. To stop means to retrograde. There is no such thing as standing still. We must go either forward or backward. I know the temper of Indiana Masons is to go on and on. Masons of In-

diana,

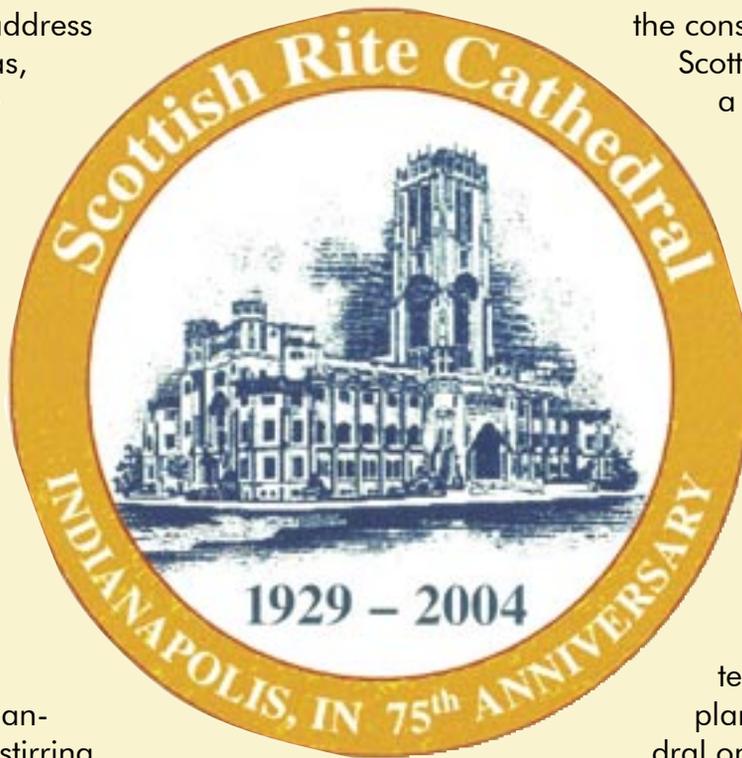
cross, that shall be a beacon light for every wayfarer in the Valley of Indianapolis

**February 26, 1929:  
Last exterior stone  
put in place**

Following this plea, Brother Arthur R. Baxter

presented a magnificently worded resolution proposing the construction of a new Scottish Rite Cathedral as a commemoration of the Golden Jubilee Celebration, and a monument to the Rite to meet the growing needs of the Valley. On June 2, 1915 the resolution was officially adopted, the building committee formed, and set to work. The committee officially adopted plans for the new cathedral on April 6, 1917. But on that very day, the United States declared war on Germany and all building construction activities were necessarily restricted.

*The Diamond Jubilee Committee Information for the preceding article was taken from the book, One Hundred Years, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis 1865 - 1965.*



listen to me! Let us proceed with all

**December 12, 1928:  
1st Official Meeting of  
the Building Committee**

convenient speed to erect in the center of this capital city a great Scottish Rite

Cathedral, one that will have on its tower a white light shining on the rose and the

# Campaign for the Cathedral

One never realizes the impact of a project until that project is complete and evaluations made. Such was the case with our recently completed "Decal" program. This past summer, each member was sent 2 static cling decals. One depicting a Double Eagle looking up to the American flag. The other decal shows the Cathedral, with the dates 1929 – 2004, which commemorate our 75th Anniversary.

This program generated over \$70,000 in contributions from nearly 4000 members! From a fund-raising standpoint, a response from over 20 percent of membership is almost unheard of. This project also was more profitable than our past two return address label programs.

I want to thank each and every one of you who made this project successful. If you would like additional decals, please call the Foundation office. A limited number is available for a nominal charge. You should all be very attentive to information regarding the 75th Anniversary of the opening of the Cathedral. A committee has been formed and is hard at work making plans for a wonderful year.

While many of our faithful contributors make their charitable contributions near the end of the year, this is a friendly reminder that it is never too early or too late to take out your checkbook and make a contribution that will demonstrate your belief in the preservation of your beautiful Cathedral.



*Richard D. Hull*



**Gary E Brinley**  
**Captain of the Guard**

## New Appointment

Thrice Potent Master Rodney Mann has filled a vacancy in the Lodge of Perfection line of officers. Meet Gary E Brinley from Bloomington as the new Captain of the Guard. Gary was raised in Ohio in 1985 and served as Worshipful Master in 1990. He currently serves as Secretary of Ellettsville #245 and is finishing a one year appointment as Grand Marshall in the Grand Lodge line. Gary joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton in 1987 and transferred to the Indianapolis Valley earlier this year. He is CFO at Peoples State Bank in Ellettsville.

*Welcome aboard!*

**Northern & Southern Scottish Rite Masonic Jurisdiction**

## The Difference Between the Jurisdictions

There is a fundamental difference in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction Scottish Rite. The NMJ teaches its lessons in morals and ethics from the plot line of its individual plays. It does not fix itself around a specific author or theme; or even a particular time period or historical context.

The great advantage of such work is that it is continuously adaptable and therefore always potentially contemporary. If the lessons are right and the performance engaging, it can offer a powerfully compelling set of ideas and course of study.

The SJ teaches its lessons in morals and ethics around overall themes (religion, knighthood, etc.), with a time context, an historical association, and a progressive set of ideas. It engages its adherents on a series of quests within each of its four Bodies; and the intellectual feast is in discovering the true nature of these different quests in each set of degrees. The plays are not independent but interrelated and progressive. One idea grows from the lessons of a previously taught idea. If the lessons are discovered and the performance engaging, it offers a compelling and transformative course of study.

Both systems are worthy, both educate men Masonically, and both are essential to the overall Masonic experience.



***The stage crew work hard behind the scenes to present everything that happens in the auditorium. They are (l to r) MSA's (Red Hats) Phil Herthel and Charlie Bush and Matt Spencer, Neal Thomsen, Larry Rhinehart, Earl Hauschild, Nate Rhinehart, Larry Torrence, Lee Langlotz, Jim Garland, and Dale Herthel.***

## Back to Basics

**by Dr. Drew Carrel, 33°**

Early to bed and early to rise and you know the rest of the story. Prudence calls us to preserve our health and vitality. It is far much easier to preserve our health than to regain it. When we have it, we enjoy it, but sometimes it is taken for granted. Good nutrition, adequate exercise and sufficient rest are the foundation of your temple, while inactivity and sloth are the foundation built on sand just waiting for the rain. Preserving our healthy temple is an exercise in living by the 24 inch gauge. Consider a flu shot this season, it will probably protect you. Many of us sleep better with an aspirin at bedtime knowing its tendency to protect us from stroke and heart attack. But above all, take a walk, it is the best medicine of all. Walking is creative thinking time without distraction. Walking enriches

your brain with oxygen. Some have found walking to be the best time for prayer. Wordsworth and Coleridge worked out their lines of poetry while walking. Beethoven heard his music while walking. Henry David Thoreau wrote an essay on the benefits of walking. My wife takes a hike with her friends every Saturday morning, then they go to breakfast together. She personifies the wisdom of activity and exercise.

Cultivate an attitude of desire for exercise, drop the dim view of one more thing on my overfilled schedule attitude. Put exercise at the top of your priorities along with prayer. These two work together well in a symphony of motivation to live the good life. Start by praying to have exercise a part of your everyday routine. You are almost certain to enjoy a longer, happier life.

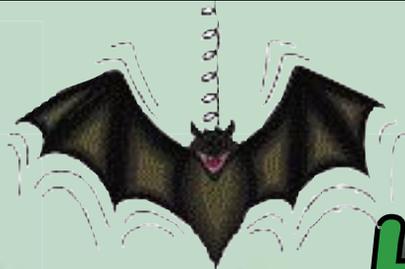
# Kid's Halloween Contest

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

## Contest

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- 1-2 years
- 3-4 years
- 5-6 years
- 7-8 years
- 9-10 years
- 11-12 years
- Teen
- Adult
- Family

- Miles L
- Dillon V
- Savanna
- Charlie
- Jessica H
- Whitle
- Jenny H
- Serenity
- Kristen
- Hornada



Trick  
OR  
Treat

Halloween Photos by Kent Watts



# Party at the Rite

HALLOWEEN

## Winners

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 ay Family

Bumble bee  
 Cowardly lion  
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 Plane  
 Girl sick in bed  
 Tornado  
 Apple  
 Sailor  
 Scarecrow  
 Apple-A-Day



## "A Word With You"



# Is It Worth It?

Despite all denials of truth as a category, people still hunger for it and the real question that haunts us is not whether truth exists, but whether it is worth it at all.



On August 7, 1961, a twenty-six year old Soviet cosmonaut named Gherman Titov became the second

Soviet to orbit the earth and return safely. Some time later he recounted his experience while speaking at the World's Fair. In triumphalistic tones Titov declared that on his excursion into space, he looked for God but didn't find him. Someone humorously quipped, "Had he stepped out of his spacecraft, he certainly would have." Titov, of course, had moved beyond the discipline of technological gain to draw theological blood. One great step for science became an immensely greater leap in philosophy.



Years later on Christmas day, 1968, three American astronauts were the first human beings to go around the "dark" side of the moon.

They saw earth rise over the horizon of the moon draped in a beautiful mixture of blue and white, garlanded by the glistening light of the sun against the black void of space. Captured by the awe of the moment, they echoed

the only words that seemed fitting. Those words were from the first line of the bible: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..."

Two similar experiences of awe and splendor, yielding two diametrically opposed conclusions. These two incidents carried off into space the most debated question on earth: Does God exist? The answer to that question has a greater bearing on your life than anything else. Personal and national destinies are inextricably bound to this issue. Our entire human frame of moral reference



is determined by whether or not God exists. Our purpose in life is determined by that, whether we are here by design or whether we are the accidental collocation of atoms. Who we are and why we exist logically flows from the question of God's existence.

The question, therefore, is not whether the pursuit of truth is worth it or not, for it is the only thing that is ultimately worth it. Winston Churchill said the most valuable thing in the world is the truth; so valuable that it has often been barricaded by a bodyguard of lies. But we might ask, "What's

wrong with a lie?" For one, we would think it is morally wrong, would we not? But how can we be morally wrong unless this is a moral universe? And how can this be a moral universe unless it is created by God?

The intelligibility in this universe and the immense capacity of the moral law point us to God.



What is more, we don't have to go into outer space to find Him. He comes to you in your inner space, the inner space of your life. Jesus said, "If any man comes to me, I will in no wise cast him out." In knowing Him, you find truth and life. That is worth it.



Dr. Ravi Zacharias may be found on the internet at [www.gospelcom.net/rzim](http://www.gospelcom.net/rzim)

Reserve  
Seating  
is now in  
effect for  
most of our  
performances.

Over the years we have received suggestions to reserve special seats for our members and their guests. Beginning this year, we have implemented a new ticketing and reserve seat system to help accommodate those requests. This new procedure will help track those attending so we can develop more appealing entertainment for the future by knowing who is attending currently. If you would like to reserve your special seat, you may do so for a small fee.

The Box Office is located adjacent to the main office on the 1st floor and is open from 10 am til 2 pm weekdays and one hour before each performance -- call us at 262-3100 x 235.

\*\* Notice: All Food Reservations Due 5 days in Advance \*\*

Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis

## Activity Schedule Jan 2004 through Jun 2004

Wed Jan 7 - **Stated Meeting** - 7 pm

Sat Jan 10 - **New Year's Party** - 6 pm

Enjoy the comedy of Dave Dugan & the music of "Cathy Morris and her band Collage" - 7:30 pm. Tickets - \$35.

Fri Jan 16 - **Family Night @ Rite** - 7 pm

"H\*ar\*ry P\*o\*t\*t\*e\*r & S\*o\*r\*c\*e\*r\*'s S\*t\*i\*o\*n\*e"  
Bring the kids for a movie. FREE.

Fri, Sat Jan 23,24 - **Play** - 7:30 pm

Sun Jan 25 - **Play** - 3 pm

"It's a Wonderful Life" - Comedy

Mud Creek Players Perform

Tickets - \$10 Reserved Seats - \$12 Dinner 5-7 pm.

Wed Feb 4 - **Stated Meeting** - 7 pm

20th Degree Presentation.

Tue Feb 17 - **Ladies Luncheon** - 12:15 pm

Sun Feb 22 - **President's Day** - 2-5 pm

Child fingerprinting & meet old Presidents - FREE.

Fri Feb 27 - **Purdue Glee Club** - 7:30 pm

Wed Mar 3 - **Stated Meeting** - 7 pm

**Institute of Freemasonry** - 7:45 pm

"George Washington Masonic Ntl Memorial"

Mike Brumback, 33°, PGM - speaker

Fri Mar 12 - **Fall Convocation** - 10 am

Lodge of Perfection - 4th, 8th, 13th and 14th Degrees

Sarahiah Council - 15th and 16th Degrees

Rose Croix - 17th and 18th Degrees

Sat Mar 13 - **Fall Convocation** - 9:30 am

Consistory - 26th, 22nd, 20th and 32nd Degrees

Fri Mar 19 - **Father/Son Banquet** - 6:30 pm

Our annual event - Reservations \$15.

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

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Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis

## Activity Schedule Jan 2004 through Jun 2004

- Wed Apr 7 - **Stated Meeting** - 7 pm  
**Institute of Freemasonry** - 7:45 pm  
"York Rite" Doug Fegenbush, 33°, PGM - speaker
- Sat Apr 10 - **Cathedral Hour** - 7:30 pm
- Fri, Sat, Apr 16,17,23,24 - **Spring Play** - 7:30 pm  
"Never Too Late" - Comedy  
FREE - Reserved Seats - \$5, Dinner 5-7 pm.
- Tue Apr 20 - **Ladies Luncheon** - 12:15 pm
- Sun May 2 - **Learning Center B-Day Party** - 1 pm
- Wed May 5 - **Annual Elections/Meeting** - 7 pm
- Sat May 8 - **Orchestra/Organ/Chorus** - 7:30 pm  
Spring Concert - FREE, Reserved Seating \$5.
- Tue May 11 - **Institute of Freemasonry** - 7:00 pm  
"Dr. John Evans - The Giant" Ed Evans, 33° - speaker
- Tue, Wed May 18,19 - **Grand Lodge**
- Fri May 21 - **Children's Play** - 7:30 pm  
Sun May 23 - **Children's Play** - 3 pm  
"Snow White"
- Sat May 29 - **500 Festival Parade** - 11 am
- Mon Jun 7 - **Valley Golf Outing** - Noon Shotgun  
Wildcat Creek GC - Kokomo.
- Jun 24-26 - **Council of Deliberation**
- Sun Jul 4 - **Fireworks Party** - 6 pm  
Picnic outside - \$10 tickets, Kids - \$5.
- Fri, Sat, Aug 13,14,20,21- **Summer Play** - 7:30 pm  
"Mister Roberts" - Comedy  
FREE - Reserved Seats - \$5, Dinner 5-7 pm.

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



### IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

The movie of a lifetime that inspired us all, made us laugh and even made us cry, has come to life on the theater stage. We all remember George Bailey, who filled with despair, is given the gift of a lifetime by Angel Second Class, Clarence Odbody. George wishes that he had never been born, and then Clarence grants his wish and shows George that after all he has had a Wonderful Life. IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE not only celebrates the season, it also celebrates the American philosophy of life by showing how hard work, fair play, and the love and support of family and community will be rewarded.

This stage adaptation of the famous, heartwarming movie was brought to life by the Mud Creek Players in December and played to a sold out house for every performance. Now they are bringing their adaptation to the Scottish Rite Theater for three performances: **Friday, January 23rd, and Saturday January 24th at 7:30 pm and Sunday January 25th for a 3 pm matinee.** Directed by Carla Crandall and Ginny Burt, and starring Jack Nicewander as George and Karen Hewitt as Mary. Their adaptation and performance proves this as a story for all seasons and is truly a "don't miss performance".

Call the Scottish Rite Ticket line and make your reservation to see the story for all ages "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE". 262-3100 ext 235 -- Tickets \$10 or \$12 for reserved seating.

# Rite Information

## There is Such a Thing as a Free Lunch

### Tour Guides Can Use Some Help

O.K. so you won't really see the world, but you will get to meet people from all over the world as well as all 50 states.

As a tour guide you will be afforded the opportunity to display the beauties of Masonry to visitors from everywhere and every walk of life. You will meet fellow Masons who are traveling through Indiana and make connections that will last a life time. Who knows? You might even influence a non-member to join.

Our requirements are simple; If you can walk and talk, can donate as little as one day per month and would like to become a more active member of your Scottish Rite Valley you can be a tour guide.

If you should decide to join us you will be fully trained and issued a Tour Guide manual. As a Tour Guide you will be welcomed at our monthly meeting held the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 in the Director's room. When working you will receive a free lunch. Our tour hours are Mon. - Fri. 10:00 - 3:00.

This is a great opportunity to become more active in the Valley, boast of your beautiful Cathedral and help promote Masonry to the public. If this sounds good to you please contact:

Mike Trueblood  
Chairman Tour Committee - President  
(317) 326-3912 (317) 582-0531  
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Address comments to:  
[doubleeagle@aasr-indy.org](mailto:doubleeagle@aasr-indy.org)

### Proposed By-Laws Change

A motion was presented at the October stated meeting to modify the existing rules and regulations to eliminate the requirement for an Officer Screening Committee. This committee was established several years ago to interview and solicit qualified brothers to serve as Valley officers. Since that time, other processes have been put in place and the amendment seeks to eliminate the committee and the requirement for all potential officers to be approved through this committee. A vote on this recommendation will be called at the February stated meeting.

### Dues Increase Passes

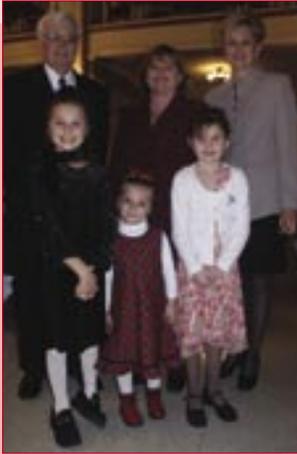
As reported in the November issue of the *Double Eagle*, the brethren voted by a large majority to increase the yearly dues paid to the Valley beginning with 2004 -- as reflected on the dues statement you should have already received.

The reasons for this increase were detailed at length in the June (page 6) and the September (page 6) issues of the *Double Eagle* (which you may read on the Valley's website). Nobody likes an increase in anything -- it is human nature to strive for the lowest price; however, the response and acceptance by a good majority of the brethren has been appreciated by the officers and trustees who had to make this tough decision.

Remember that you may initiate a monthly payment plan of just \$10 by calling the office, or you may find it more convenient to pay on line at the Valley's secure sockets website with a credit card.



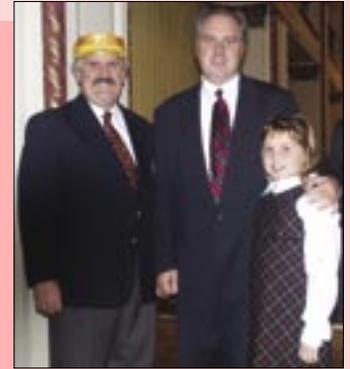
# 'Round the Rite



**Robert Gotwalp attends the Father/Daughter Dinner with daughters Michelle and Kim, and granddaughters Michaela, Macey, and Elizabeth.**



**Bean Supper 2003 Fills the Banquet Hall.**



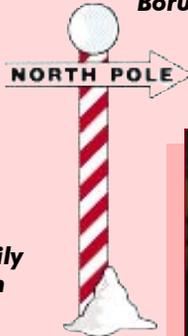
**Thrice Potent Master Rodney Mann welcomes Mike Hanley and his daughter Shea who is a 3rd grader at St Thomas Aquinas and who also talked about her experience with the Learning Center.**



**Dick Garzon, Ben Boyles, and John Boruff play for the Father Daughter Banquet.**



**Karen Bolyard, Megan & Emily Bolyard, and Carol Meiman enjoy sugar cookies at the Children's Christmas Party.**



**Woody Vanivier shows off "his girls" Nancy, Andrea, and Angela.**



**Delight, smiles and applause were in abundance at the Melchoir Marionette Show in December.**



**Santa (Tim Lentz) listens intently to Will and Caroline Caldwell with help from elves Linda Lentz, and Tina Bays at the Annual Christmas Party.**



# Coming "Rite" Up

## Family Night @ The Rite

Bring the kids and family members and join us in the auditorium for our first ever Family Night @ The Rite on **Friday, Jan 16th at 7 pm**. Enjoy H\**a*\*r\*r\*y P\*o\*t\*t\*e\*r\* and the S\*o\*r\*c\*e\*r\*e\*s S\*t\*o\*n\*e and refreshments, both FREE to members and guests. Please call for reservations so we know how much popcorn to pop. Enjoy!



**The Make-up Department of Tim Hopewell, Tom Worrell, George Eastman, and Larry Wamsley get ready for our next Convocation March 12-13th. Get your candidates lined-up.**

## Purdue Glee Club

Founded in 1893, the Purdue Varsity Glee Club has been and continues to be one of Purdue University's richest traditions. Built upon a solid reputation of excellence in entertainment, their popularity has sent them across the nation, having performed on national television, at four presidential inaugurations, and at many regional and national concert events and expositions, plus world tours as ambassadors of good will.



Trademarked by the philosophy of "something for everyone," a typical Glee Club performance features a broad range of musical selections from classical to contemporary, and folk songs to show tunes. Symbolic of its devotion to its audience, one tradition of the group is for members to meet the audience following each performance establishing a closer rapport and to show their appreciation.

One performance will take place for our most popular show on **Friday, February 27th at 7:30 pm**. Call for \$10 tickets today! Dinner is available by reservation only from 5-7 pm.

## President's Day



Bring the whole family and tour the Cathedral and meet famous Presidents along the way. Special events, including the child fingerprinting and identification program and a video presentation are planned for the afternoon. No charge for this special event on **Sunday,**

**February 22nd from 2-5 pm**. George couldn't tell a lie -- join us for Cherry Pie.

## Father/Son Banquet

The 28th Annual Father and Son Banquet will be held at **6:30 pm on Friday, March 19th**. All members are invited to bring any of their "sons" -- or adopted "sons" for the evening. Entertainment for the evening will be NASCAR "Slot Car Racing" competition. Now is the time to fulfill that lifelong dream of driving on the NASCAR circuit as you enjoy a great evening of double elimination. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$15 per person. Game on!



## Through the Cathedral Window

# New Year Musings

by **Jerry B Collins, 33°**  
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Have you ever been daydreaming when suddenly you conjure up an old memory and wonder, "where in the world did that come from?" My stepfather was called from labor to refreshment about 18 months ago and I can still remember his surprise 50th birthday party that my mom gave him with many of his friends. I recall thinking, "boy is he old!" Now that I'm 50, I really know how young he was.

Seems that about every 10 years or so I go through a kind of metamorphosis -- a reexamination and reordering of my life. Anybody who knows me well over a long period of time knows that I'm not the same bird I was 10 years ago, let alone 20 or 30 years ago. I believe that in order to keep yourself mentally and psychologically healthy, a good re-invention now and then does the body good. Dr. Carrel (page 6) and Dr. Zacharias (page 10) talk about this a bit in their debut appearance.

True to form I have shed my latest cocoon and am spreading my new wings and it *feels so good!* Sometimes we just don't know how much we really need to keep evolving in our lifetime to stay healthy.

I have been in health insurance sales for nearly 5 and half years and on the many trips I won over the years, I was known by my frequent refrain of, "I love this job". Business changes, people change, I changed. Long hours on the road, a recessionary economy, exorbitant pricing, and many responsibilities added to my job description eventually fed my wandering spirit. It was time for a change -- a change that I initiated without consciously knowing it -- fueled by the holy spirit.

During this career transition, I started reading more -- secularly and spiritually, I began an exercise program that takes me to the gym 3 times per week, and I actually started taking vitamin supplements. I have lost 8 pounds and really never felt better in my life. It's ironic that God has a plan for us all, but we need to be receptive and allow him to steer us over the bumps and hazards of life.

Another old memory just popped up: 14 years old and becoming interested in driving. My mom would often let me slide over in the bench seat next to her as we approached the street we lived on and let me take over the wheel. I can still remember her teaching words of wisdom, "don't over-correct the car - - take firm control when needed". Life is a little like that -- fully automatic, but sometimes we need to take stock of our life and change course or end up in a rut.



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