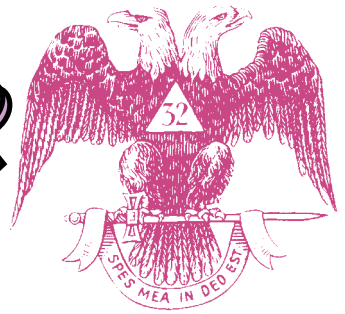


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## Man and Mason with a Passion

**by Russ Murphy, 33°  
Trustee of the Indianapolis Valley**

A super friend and a great Mason whom we, the trustees, will miss is the Illustrious William A Sigman, 33°. We know him as "Bill". Bill is a man and Mason of great energy, wisdom, energy and dedication. Due to Supreme Council restrictions on age limits, Bill cannot serve again as a trustee; however, he will serve as Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee. Bill is a professional engineer with a passion and enthusiasm for the welfare of our Great Scottish Rite Cathedral.

In the years that Bill has served as Trustee, he has been the guiding light for the preservation, upgrades and additions to our beautiful 75 year old Cathedral.

He is a 1950 graduate from Iowa State University and a Registered Professional Engineer who was employed with Johnson Controls Inc from 1950 to 1991. Since 1991 to the present time, he is the Executive Vice President/Principal BSA Life Structures. His role of leadership in the



many professional and civic organizations, which he belongs to, read like *Who's Who* in America. Bill is not a newcomer to Masonry. He was raised a Master Mason in Oriental Lodge #500 in Nov 1959, and joined the Indianapolis Scottish Rite that same year. He was crowned a 33° Mason in 1999.

Bill has been married to Rita for some 53 years and they have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Years ago, our late and dear brother, the Illustrious Wayne Guthrie, 33° would tell you "That service to our fellow man was the price that we all owe as rent for the space we occupy while traveling on our journey here on earth."

There is no doubt that Bill believes in and is dedicated to "paying his rent" through his many positions of leadership in his church, civic, and professional organizations. But, most of all his contribution of time and talent to the Scottish Rite is truly second to none.

Bill will be missed on the Board of Trustees, but the Building and Grounds Committee is truly blessed to have him on board and at the helm.

## How to Build a Membership

# Rotation of Officers Means Fresh Ideas

**Jeff Saunders, 33°  
Executive Director**

At the annual meeting in May, members of the Valley elected new officers for the coming year. Of the 10 officers on the Executive Committee, 5 new members were elected. One of the strengths of the governance process in the Scottish Rite is the provision for some officers to change every year, while others have longer terms. Together this provides long-term continuity as well as fresh ideas with each new term. Please read about the background and experience of your new presiding officers elsewhere in this issue. They all have much to bring to the fraternity.

In a few months, each member will receive a new calendar of events book outlining the various events throughout the year. Let me give you a sneak preview of what's in store so you may share in the enthusiasm of your new officers:

- The traditional Bean Supper on Sept 3rd.
- A day of Masonic fellowship for the Indiana Masonic Family on the Belle of Louisville in July.
- The celebration of 75 years since our magnificent Cathedral was opened. Mark Sept 25th for this special occasion. The Diamond Jubilee Class is in November – share Scottish Rite with a friend and have him as part of this special class.
- The grand opening of our new Learning Center for Children in the Cathedral. What a great way to bring this special gift of learning to children in our own facility.
- Enjoy dinner and dancing in the Ballroom at the Sweetheart Dinner Dance in February. A true family event this year will combine our Father/Son and Father/Daughter Banquet.
- See the award winning Hoskins Family southern gospel group perform in the auditorium.
- As always, we have four dramatic plays, a performance by the Purdue Glee Club, children's Halloween and Christmas parties, Orchestra/Chorus/Organ Concerts, Madrigal Dinner, Ladies Luncheons and many other popular outings.



All of these programs are part of the benefits of membership in the Valley of Indianapolis. The officers would also like to announce while many events remain free of charge, others have had prices reduced this year. There is no better time to invite a Master Mason to join the Scottish Rite. Share the pride of your membership in the largest and greatest Valley!

*Jeffrey K. Saunders*  
Executive Director

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**32° Masonic Learning Center for Children**

# Volunteers Sell 500 Programs to Benefit Learning Center

Jim Pickett and Russ Murphy, 33° helped to organize 46 volunteers to sell 500 Mile Race programs to benefit the 32° Children's Learning Center here in Indianapolis. Shown here are only a few of the volunteers on "Bump Day". Front row (l to r): Lynn and Dan Dimond; Russ Murphy; Jim Pickett. Back row: Jon Shults, Todd & Diane Thorn with their children Mason & Mack; Ann & Rob Sidener with their daughter Mary; John Lane; and twin sisters, Cindy Carter & Cece Walton. Jim is looking for volunteers for the Formula 1 race on June 18-20. If interested, please call him at 317-968-0634.



## Learning Center Gets New Quarters in the Valley

All that noise and dust in the Banquet Hall the last few months is making way for the Masonic Learning Center for Children to move to its new home in the Cathedral. The Center has enjoyed a great relationship with North Park Lodge for the last five years, but with the Lodge contemplating a move to a different location, the Center will be pulling up stakes and occupying a brand new space on the South end of the Cathedral directly underneath the Cafeteria.

Dr. Kay Harmless, Chairman of the Learning Center Board of Governors, is excited about the facility as well as placing the location in a prominent place in the Cathedral. "This will help the

members of Scottish Rite see firsthand what a wonderful gift they are providing to the children who are served by the Center," indicated Dr. Harmless. The construction of the facility is under the supervision of the Building and Grounds Committee with James R. Hale, 33° acting as the superintendent. The Center will be fully self-contained with the lobby and offices in space that was once part of the Banquet Hall. Nine tutoring rooms are being built in spaces formerly occupied by the catering operation but now no longer needed. The Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite of



Indianapolis Foundation, Inc. have made a major commitment to see that this is a first class facility that will serve our children as well as be a source of pride for our members.

We expect to have the first classes in the Center during the summer session in mid-June with the formal dedication during the Cathedral 75th Anniversary celebration on Sept 25th.

**Approaching 75 years on North Street**

# Valley's Jubilee Celebration Just Around the Corner



*This is the third in a series of articles concerning the history of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Please refer to previous issues of The Double Eagle.*

Having acquired the entire one-half block on the West side of Meridian Street from North Street to Walnut Street, the Building committee was given permission to proceed. Since the building site was now larger than originally planned, all previous contracts were cancelled and the committee was instructed to place the plans for the new Cathedral in open competition. On June 23, 1924, the Trustees were ordered to proceed as rapidly as possible with the new Cathedral. Eight architects, all members of the Rite, entered the competition, were granted an interview and by secret ballot

the plans submitted by George F. Schreiber of Indianapolis were adopted.

Brother Schreiber was

born on November 16, 1875 in Aix La Chapelle, Germany. He came to Indianapolis

in 1893 but returned to Europe to study architecture. As a student at Aix La Chapelle University, Stuttgart and Heidelberg, he majored in Gothic architecture. Upon returning to Indianapolis in 1905, he was raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on July 16, 1907 in Oriental Lodge No. 500. In October of 1907 Brother Schreiber received the Scottish Rite degrees, and was therefore, quite

familiar with the ritual and social programs of the Valley. When the invitation to participate in the Rite's architectural competition, he was determined

to enter and win. When interviewed later, Brother Schreiber is quoted as saying, "At first my mind was not

clear. I could not get the vision I wanted. I packed my grip and set out on a trip without definite destination. Through Colorado, to Salt Lake City, through the Grand Canyon, thousands of miles I traveled, not studying architecture or buildings in other cities, but the beauties of nature, seeking a harmonious mental picture, making sketches on the train or wherever I chanced to be. In speaking of a Cathedral, the idea comes that it is a house of God and then follows the thought of our Saviour, whose life on earth was thirty-three years. The figure "thirty-three"

**"At first my mind was not clear. I could not get the vision I wanted."**

**George Schreiber**

**June 23, 1924:**

**Trustees were ordered to proceed with 8 architects in competition.**

also represents the highest degree of Scottish Rite Masonry. What better combination for a basic idea could there be than a tribute to the Grand Architect of the Universe along with a portrayal in stone of the symbolism of the Order handed down in legend from King Solomon's Temple on Mount Moriah and perfected in a modern Christian philosophy?"

After his selection as the architect, nearly two and a half years were spent drawing, elaborating and perfecting his plans. In keeping with the theme expressed above, the dimensions of thirty-three feet and sixteen and a half feet, or multiples thereof, were used for the floor elevations, column spacing and room sizes. The Tudor period of Gothic design was selected for the exterior. The ornamentation of the exterior was designed not only to be decorative but also to display Masonic Symbolism. Thus, any Mason entering the Cathedral's main entrance would observe many allusions to his Symbolic Lodge – The busts of Solomon, King of Israel; Hiram, King of Tyre; and Hiram Abiff surrounded by many other symbolic emblems from the first three degrees of Masonry.

On January 10, 1927 the Building Committee gave its final approval of the plans. The cost of construction was not to exceed \$2,000,000. Consequently, on April 6, 1927, a resolution was presented by

total of \$1.9 million. The stock bore a dividend rate of 2-3/4% payable semi-annually, or \$55,000 on November 1st and May 1st. The

**20,000 shares of \$100 preferred stock were sold to raise construction funds**

agreement also called for the principal sum to be repaid at the rate of \$60,000 each May 1st from 1932 to 1951, with a final payment of \$800,000 due in 1952. The preferred stock was sold and contracts for construction were let on April 21, 1927.

Notwithstanding the many trials and tribulations it faced, the final payment was made and the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral was debt free before January 1, 1952.



the Building Committee proposing the organization of the Scottish Rite Realty Company to hold the real estate owned by Adoniram Lodge of Perfection.

**... dimensions of 33 feet and sixteen and a half feet, and all multiples thereof, were used ...**

The preferred stock of 20,000 shares, with a par value of \$100, was sold at \$96 and thus raised a

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



## Our May Annual Elections

# New Appointments, A New Trus



**Brothers Don Marcum, Cary Snyder, Joe Looker, and Bill Clutter, 33° were elected to serve as Presiding Officers for 2004-2005 and are congratulated by Bob Elrod, 33° -- Deputy for Indiana.**



**Jonathan R Elrod**, an Indianapolis attorney, has been appointed to the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection as Captain of the Guard.

Jon has been very active at the Valley. He has participated in the cast of numerous degrees at Conventions as well as the 2003 Fall Play. He is a Senior DeMolay, and

former Master Councilor. He is currently Junior Warden at Century Lodge #764.

Jon was graduated from Xavier University, and the Indiana University School of Law where he was an Editorial Staff member of the Indiana Law Journal, and a founding member of the IU Law Drama Society. He will

complete the Master's program at the Christian Theological Seminary this year. Jon is an Associate Attorney at the law firm of Elrod & Mascher in Indianapolis.



The Saraiah Council Line is pleased to announce the appointment of **Brian C Lewis** to their corps of officers. Brian was raised at Calvin W. Prather #717 in March of 2002 and is currently serving as Worshipful Master. He joined the Scottish Rite during the fall class of 2002 and is also a charter member of the Knights of Saint

Andrew serving as secretary. He is a member of the Murat Shrine and a charter member of the NexGen unit also serving as secretary. He does not stop there in his

# tee, & 4 New Presiding Officers

Masonic affiliations. He also belongs to the York Rite bodies as a member of the Prather Chapter, Council, and Commandery and is serving as Captain of the Host for Prather Chapter #157 and Junior Warden for Trinity Commandery #62. Brian is a student at IUPUI with a major in economics and a minor in Japanese. Perhaps you may have seen him at his part time job at the Scottish Rite serving on the Tiler and Safety committees.

Mike is employed at General Motors as a Journeyman Pipe Fitter 1993. He and his family are also members of Flat Rock Christian Church. We welcome Mike and his family to the Rose Croix line.



A native Hoosier, **Michael W Klepper** was born September 18, 1967. He and his wife Michelle have two very lovely daughters. Mike was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on July 4, 1997 in Morristown Lodge #193. He served as Master of Morristown #193 in 2001 and Wm. Hacker Lodge #759 in 2002, and he is currently serving as

Senior Deacon of Vitruvian Lodge #767. He received his Scottish Rite degrees in November 1997.

Mike is also a member of York Rite where he is currently serving as Right Illustrious Grand Steward of the Grand Council of Indiana. He is also a member of the Marvin Isley York Rite College.



**Robert Michael Gillie, Jr.** was born on August 6th, 1964. Mike graduated from Decatur Central High School. After graduation he spent 4 years serving in our armed forces as a part of the United States Air Force, where his duties were assigned as a Munitions Systems Engineer.

Mike was initiated as a Scottish Rite Mason in the Millennium class of 2000. He is a member of Calvin Prather Lodge #717 where he is currently the Junior Warden. Mike's Masonic involvement also includes his membership in the Murat Shrine where he served as the Recording Secretary for the Reception Unit in 2003.

Mike currently works for the Baker Hill Corporation where he is employed as a computer technician. It is our pleasure to share with our members, Mike's marriage to Amy Douglas on May 1st, 2004. Congratulations Mike and Amy. Please join us in welcoming Mike as our newest member of the Indiana Consistory.

**The Trustees are considered the "keepers of the building" and are responsible for the upkeep of the physical plant. They have several projects on-going this summer which include the renovation of the south entrance, the elevator rehabilitation, and the construction of the Learning Center facility in the south Banquet Hall. George Galyean, 33°, Ed Board, 33°, Russ Murphy, 33°, and Mac Maguire, 33° comprise this year's Trustees.**



# Chip Walker, Rodney Mann, Mike

## Complete Their Terms as

**by Joe Looker, Commander-in-Chief  
Indiana Consistory**

*"The needs of humanity are insistant and we dare not ignore them."*

There are many different styles of leadership and the art of leadership is discovering which style will motivate each individual to achieve their highest potential. Chip Walker, Commander-in-Chief of the Indiana Consistory for the year 2003-2004 has exemplified his mastery of this skill and leadership ability in a variety of ways over the past seven years. His dedication to his family, his career, and to our Fraternity are all areas where he has led by example.

His devotion to his family has been clearly evident with his wife Betsy, whom he met in a play at the Rite, his two daughters. Both Laura and Kristen have been popular supporting casts when Chip has been the MC for various functions at the Scottish Rite and has shared making introductions for events he helped to bring to the Valley as Entertainment Chairman for 3 years. Charlie, as many of you may remember, recently assumed the responsibility as the MC at the Father and Son banquet and did a great job. It is evident that Chip and Betsy provide Laura, Kristen and Charlie opportunities to develop their individual leadership skills. Chip also finds the time in his very busy schedule to be actively involved in coaching his children's sports activities.

Chip demonstrates the style of leadership that encourages other Masons to participate. We all owe a debt of thanks to Chip for his dedication and the example of leadership that each of us as officers and members of the Valley of Indianapolis can emulate to lead our craft into the future.

**by Bill Clutter, Thrice Potent Master  
Adoniram Lodge of Perfection**

*"He seeks neither office nor honors. He asks only that he may serve this high purpose."*

This introduction of the candidate in the 4° speaks of the character of Rodney A Mann, our retiring Thrice Potent Master. Rodney's kind manner, integrity, patience, and determination were rewarded by his selection to a number of offices in our Fraternity and his community.

With Rodney's determination and patience this year was one of positive change and improvement for our Valley. One of his accomplishments this past year was the guiding of the dues increase that gives our Valley much needed financial stability. Also, Rodney oversaw the development of a system of community based Scottish Rite groups called Guilds, including the start of

several special interest clubs meeting at the Cathedral. Rodney also guided the addition to our roster of activities of the Children's Play, Madrigal Dinner, and the summer play with an outside theatrical group. One of the highlights this year was presenting our new Scottish Rite Masons a 14° ring. This gift was met with great appreciation from our new Scottish Rite brothers.

Wherever Rodney has served those around him have taken notice of his character and abilities and thus promoted him to leadership positions. As said of the candidate in the 4°, not



seeking those offices but rather to serve a high propose. This is a wonderful testament to the caliber of man and Mason our retiring Thrice Potent Master is. We thank him for his outstanding dedication, commitment, and loyalty to our Valley.



# Michael D. Brumback & Lincoln Hamilton Presiding Valley Officers

**by Greg Chiles, Senior Warden  
Indianapolis Chapter Rose Croix**

*...But a real friend sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24*

For the past two years the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix has been blessed with the outstanding leadership of Ill. Brother Michael D. Brumback, 33°. For countless years, Brother Mike has served our great fraternity with the love and devotion that only a real friend and brother can give. As Most Wise Master,



he has practiced the true attributes of a Perfect Prince Freemason and has earned the crown which rests upon the compasses of one who is a Knight and Prince among his fellows, a leader who also serves.

Throughout Brother Mike's Masonic search for further light, he has touched the lives of Brothers across the State of Indiana. His commitment and love for our fraternity were exhibited as he served his local Lodge as Worshipful Master, the York Rite, and youth organizations. It carried over into his service to many other Masonic bodies, committees and to the George Washington Masonic Memorial. His heartfelt concern for others was always apparent as he fulfilled the duties of Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of Indiana.

The greatest title he holds is that of a "Real Friend". Mike now adds his name to a long list of great brothers who have served the Rose Croix and the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis with integrity, tireless dedication and love. Best wishes and may God bless you Brother Mike as you continue to enlighten the path for others to follow!

**by Cary Snyder, Sovereign Prince  
Saraiah Council Princes of Jerusalem**

*"Life Without Friends is Worthless" -- Zerubbabel*

For several years now the Saraiah Council line of the Indianapolis Valley has been blessed to have among its ranks a Freemason who has been the epitome of what a Brother Prince Mason should be. An adviser, companion, brother and friend.

Brother Lincoln Hamilton has been steadfast and true to his charge not only to his duties as a Scottish Rite officer, but also to his responsibilities as a Grand York Rite officer, a symbolic blue lodge officer, and a responsible businessman in his community.

To say that Lincoln has a passion for the Masonic fraternities would be understating the fact. Brother Hamilton has personally signed in numerous new members to the order and, through benefit concerts held over the past ten years, he has donated the proceeds to the Indianapolis Valley and the Children's Learning Center and other Masonic organizations.

He has been faithful to his charge. He has been an ever present influence to his officers and to those masons who have come to know him. He is always ready to extend the hand of Masonic brotherhood and friendship and should you ever find yourself in need you need only look as far as Lincoln to assist you.

If you had to sum up Lincoln Hamilton in a word, that word would most probably be "entertaining". Whether you are dazzled by his southern Indiana witticisms or you enjoy hearing him "kick" out a tune on his banjo, he will lighten your mood and make you feel better for it. Great job Lincoln!

The Acacia tree is one of the enduring symbols of Freemasonry, and a Sprig of Acacia has significant importance among the Masonic Fraternity.

According to The Indiana Monitor and Freemason's Guide, "the Acacia has always held a sacred place in ancient initiations and, like the weeping willow, is a symbol of tender sympathy and undying affection." The Sprig of Acacia symbolized Freemasonry's steadfast faith in the immortality of the soul.

The trees surrounding the Scottish Rite Cathedral are like the Acacia trees of Masonic lore. They immortalize those donors and their loved ones whose generous support has helped ensure the preservation of the Cathedral and its grounds.

The Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation offers Masons and friends, through the *Acacia Society*, the opportunity to immortalize a loved one while ensuring the preservation of our historic Cathedral. To arrange a memorial tree, or further information, please contact the Cathedral Foundation office. Phone 317-262-3121, 800-489-3579, or e-mail, [foundation@asr-indy.org](mailto:foundation@asr-indy.org).

# Campaign for the Cathedral



*Richard D. Hull*

## Welcome Back!

We want to welcome back Tim Hopewell to the Rose Croix line after a brief job relocation. Born March 9, 1962 in Belleville, IL, Tim has two teenage daughters to help keep him busy. Tim received his Bachelor's degree from Indiana University in 1992 and his Master's degree from Butler University in '98.



Tim is a Senior DeMolay and Past Master Councilor of Southport Chapter. He is a member of Southport Lodge #270 where he served as Master in 1993. He is also a Past Patron of Southport Chapter #442, OES.

Tim began his Scottish Rite journey in 1990 when he began serving on the Make-Up Committee. He received his MSA in 2002.

Tim is currently employed at Rolls-Royce Corp as a User Application Specialist. He is a member of Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral Parish in Indianapolis where he serves on the Parish Council and a Eucharistic Minister. Welcome back Tim!

## Back to Basics

**by Dr. Drew Carrell, 33°**

Living by the Plumb Line reminds us to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and Mankind.

**Question:** Can brisk walking reverse some of the deleterious effects which are commonly attributed to aging?

**Answer:** Yes, absolutely! After age 20, aerobic fitness typically declines by approximately 1% per year. A three month exercise program of taking a brisk walk can lead to a 15-20% increase in your heart/lung fitness which transforms to a 15-20 year functional rejuvenation. The moral of the story -- Ponce de Leon sailed across the Atlantic to Florida in search of the Fountain of Youth. He could have done better by staying home and taking a brisk walk everyday.

**"A Word With You"** 

# A Stop at Willoughby

**by Don Marcum, Jr.  
Most Wise Master  
Indianapolis Chapter  
Rose Croix**

Recently I was looking through some old books in the closet. I ran across a book that was well worn and full of short stories by Rod Serling. It contained some of my favorite short stories from childhood. It brought back memories of when I was a little boy sitting in front of a black and white TV waiting for the next adventure of Lost in Space, Batman, and the Twilight Zone. As a child I'm sure we all had dreams of experiencing these adventures in real life.



As I looked through the book I came across one story in particular, "A Stop at Willoughby". The story was always a favorite of mine. Each day as the main character took a train home from work he would fall asleep and dream that the train had stopped at a station with a sign that read "Willoughby". It was a quaint little community, perfect in nature, where "a man could slow down to a walk and live his life full measure". Ladies with long dresses and parasols were on the station platform. Boys in knickers ran back and forth playing. One boy carried a fishing pole on his way to the perfect fishing hole. He could hear Sousa music playing from the bandstand as the whole scene



was bathed in a hot summer sun. This was his dream of the perfect place to get away from life's problems and the stress of the day. Unfortunately, the story had a very tragic ending.

We probably all have our dream of a perfect place like "Willoughby". Places where we too can slow down and enjoy life. Life seems to be so much in a rush these days. Everyone has so much to do. Unfortunately, we are often missing the "Willoughby" that exists everyday in our lives. It is the opportunity that God has given each of us to live a full and productive life in his honor and for his glory. We often forget the many blessings that he has given us with good health, loving families and great friends. We get so tied up with television, sports and our personal goals that we never stop for a moment and look at the many opportunities God has given us for happiness.



Our personal "Willoughby" is actually right with us if we would just slow down and open our eyes. It is in our homes when we take the time to look at our wives and children and say "I Love You". When we take the time to read a book to our child or play a game of checkers. It is there when we spend precious time with our friends and help them with a project or sit around a table and enjoy good clean wholesome conversation. The opportunity is there when we take time to serve God in our place of worship. God has offered us so many opportunities to enjoy life. Often we have sold out the

good things for a cheap imitation of happiness. Family, friends and worshipping God are the only true things that will bring happiness on Earth. All the material things, honors, and prestige will quickly pass away.



The main theme and lesson of the 18° - Knight of Rose Croix is that we "love one another". This theme is universal in nature and can be embraced by men of all faiths. As a Christian, it inspires me to care for and help others. It beckons me to open my heart and to love my family and friends. It means caring for others that maybe I don't agree with or understand. It is sharing God's love through actions and kindness.

I hope you will take time this year to join us at the Scottish Rite. We want to share our friendship and opportunities for fellowship with you, your family and friends. Invite a Master Mason to join you for the Diamond Jubilee Class this year and share with him the beauty and brotherly love that our degrees have to offer.

Most of all, take time now to enjoy life. Slow down, turn off the television and spend time with family and friends. Take a moment, look at your wife and say "I Love You". Why not look for your "Willoughby" today? It is right around the corner and not at the sign post up ahead. It is right in your own backyard.



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Mrs. Jean Vonnegut  
Kent Watts  
Mr. & Mrs. David Weatherford  
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### Paul A. Pauley

Eli Lilly American Legion  
Robert Voorhis

## In memory of

### Jeffrey Minich

Charles & Jeannette Lehman

## In memory of

### Angie Nealy Board

Russ Murphy

## In memory of

### Gene Hendrix

Charles K. Hughes

## In memory of

### Jean M. Schrader

Charles E. Brandt

## In memory of

### Charles J. York

Delaware County Scottish Rite Club

## In memory of

### Alvin Hancock

Mrs. Mildred Hancock  
Manatee Order of the Eastern Star  
Donna White

## In memory of

### Walter VanGorden

Lloyd & Susan Douglas

## In memory of

### Charles Sink

Kent Watts

*Scottish Rite lost a dedicated worker and true friend with the passing of Annette Maguire in March. The wife of Trustee Marvin C Maguire, 33<sup>rd</sup> was present with Mac at virtually all of the events at the Cathedral and always helped with programs at the Council of Deliberation and Indiana functions at the Supreme Council meetings. She was loved by all and will be missed.*

# Chips from the Quarry

## Jackson County

The Jackson County Scottish Rite Club held its spring stated meeting at Jackson Lodge, No.146 in Seymour on March 18, 2004 with ten members and wives present. The club enjoyed a delicious picnic style dinner with hot dogs, salad, vegetables, and desserts. After dinner the club held a business meeting and discussed upcoming events for 2004. The members



**Jackson County Scottish Rite Club 2004 Officers are Roger Martin, Bill Culbreth, Jim Rice, and Bucky Everhart – Jackson County Membership Development Chairman.**

plan to work with the George Rogers Clark Club in hosting the Scottish Rite - Belle of Louisville "Masonic Family Day" cruise on July 18, 2004. Club members also discussed fund raisers for the club and local Jackson County activities.

Following the business meeting, the 2004 Jackson County Club officers were installed by Don Marcum, Jr., then Senior Warden of the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix. This year's officers are as follows: Bill Culbreth – President, Roger Martin – Vice-President, Jim Rice – Secretary/Treasurer, and Kent Bell - Chaplain. President Bill Culbreth encouraged the members to get involved and participate in this year's club and Indianapolis Valley activities. The Jackson County Club encourages family involvement in club activities.

## George Rogers Clark

Representatives from George Rogers Clark Scottish Rite Club presented a check for \$500 to the Learning Center. Recognition will be shown in the Bear Den plaque near the West Entrance of the Cathedral.



**Joe Hobble, Secretary; Jeff Saunders, Executive Director of the Valley; Ray Beets, President; James Slack, Past President; Howard King, Past President present a check to the Learning Center.**



## Spring '04 Officers



**Spring '04 class officers:** Front row (l to r): Thomas Ashby, VP; Jerry Barker, President; Robert Burris, VP; David Buttram, VP; Melvin Daniel, Orator; Carl Davis, Chaplain. Back row: Edwin Feutz, VP; Todd Hoagland, VP; David Lane, VP; Fred Scott, VP; Bryan Seymour, VP; Leonard Pronesti, Sgt at Arms; Joseph Uberto, Treasurer; Freddie Wade, Secretary.

## 'Round the Rite

### Limestone Steps Being Replaced on South Entrance

The Cathedral's South entrance steps were badly worn and required replacement of the limestone veneer to include complete preparation of the base. This needed project will enhance the sanctity of appearance of our grand Cathedral while eliminating water leaking through the cracks that was beginning to threaten the building's foundation. The cost of this project is about \$120,000 and is being paid by the Indianapolis Cathedral Foundation. To make a contribution to this and future projects, please contact Rick Purcell at 262-3121.



### Children Present Snow White



The Scottish Rite Children's Players presented "Snow White" on May 21st and 23rd to nearly 350 people in the Valley's beautiful Auditorium. 1st row (l to r): Whitley Fallis, Kristen Walker, Jess Bratton, Elizabeth Watts. 2nd row: Miles Breese, Charlie Walker, Natalie Preden, Mitchell Breese, Beth Brookie, Justine Predan, Adam Breese. 3rd row: Kristyn Watts, Laura Walker, and Shannon McGonigal.



### Spring Play a Comedic Hit



A wonderful comedy, "Never Too Late" was presented in April by director Matthew Socoy and played by 1st row (l to r): Jon Elrod, Marie Lentz, Carla Crandall, Hugh Burns, 33°. 2nd row: Tom Fallis, 33°, Randy Bradley, Sally Gindling, Jon Shults, & James Simmons.

# Coming "Rite" Up

## 4th of July Picnic

The Rose Croix Officers and Knights of St. Andrew invite members to bring their family and guests to the 3rd Annual **Fourth of July Picnic**. Each year

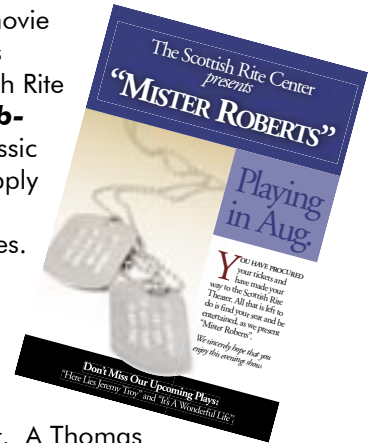


the picnic attendance continues to grow and this year promises to be nothing less than spectacular! Dinner will be prepared by the Knights of St. Andrew and will be an old-fashioned cookout on the grill. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The party starts at 6 pm in the west parking lot of the Cathedral. Fireworks begin at 9 pm. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a front row seat at one of the best fireworks viewing locations in Indiana-

napolis. Proceeds will benefit the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children. Plan to join us for an outstanding day of family fun and fellowship!

## Mister Roberts Play

You have seen the movie with Henry Fonda and James Cagney – now see the Scottish Rite stage version of **"Mister Roberts."** This World War II classic about life aboard a Navy supply ship in the South Pacific will entertain audiences of all ages. Show times are 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday, August 13 and 14th and August 20th and 21st. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$12 for a great reserved seat. A Thomas Caterers' buffet meal in the Ballroom prior to the show is available by reservation.



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# Masonic Fellowship Day

Belle of Louisville

\$5

Children FREE  
12 & under

Sunday July 18th  
3 pm

We've chartered an historic paddlewheel steamboat with Bluegrass/Country family entertainment for a 3-hour cruise on the Ohio River

Only 650 seats available & tickets must be purchased in advance.

For more info call 800-489-3579 or [www.aastr-indy.org](http://www.aastr-indy.org)  
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## Through the Cathedral Window

# Hatching Baby Birds

by Jerry B Collins, 33°  
Editor

For the last four weeks, I have been sitting in my quiet study and listening to scratching and pecking. A bird has gained entrance to the dryer vent and wishes to build a nest. I won't have any of that, so I try to find ways to block the entrance without closing off the vent entirely. After several false starts, I finally determine that some chicken wire might help to block the opening yet allow the vent to function properly. I then retire back to my study for some introspection. Several days later, I hear the sound again, and after retrieving the ladder, I discover the bird has jammed the chicken wire far back into the slot and has built a nest and some new cheeping hatchling.

I am reminded of the hymn of "Oh God, our help in ages past". One of the verses goes like this:

*Time like an ever rolling stream  
Soon bears us all away,  
We fly forgotten, as a dream,  
Dies at the opening day.*

The cycle of life goes on. Change is always upon us, relentlessly plodding forward, whether we are on board or not, whether we are ready or not.

Bob Elrod, Deputy for Indiana, recently observed that Masons have beat themselves up for the

past 4 decades on the subject of declining membership, and that it is time -- here and now -- to stop that nonsense. Our society today is a lot different from the days of Camelot. We are holding ourselves to an impossible standard -- and only when we can judge ourselves relative to the time we now live in -- only then can we go forward on a positive note. Change is like an ever rolling stream.

The Indianapolis Valley has made a lot of strategic changes in the last 5 years -- some have had an immediate impact, some take time -- but the *esprit de corps* of the Valley is healthy and a lot of good new things are hatching at the corner of Meridian and North Streets. Bill Sigman's tenure as a trustee will be felt for some time to come; Jeff's article on Page 2 is a must re-read; new officers in leadership roles, and newly selected brothers await grooming and development.

Every Spring, the birds build nests, mate, and raise their young. It is the cycle of life. The double-headed eagles of the Scottish Rite have been carefully rebuilding their nests during the past 5 years, and I will watch with amazement and confidence as the cycle continues for the fraternity I love as we teach the allegories that takes a good man and makes him better.



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