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"Annie Get Your Gun" Begins 11 Performances in April

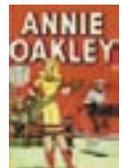
Annie Oakley is the best shot around, and she manages to support her little brother and sisters by selling the game she hunts. When she's discovered by Col. Buffalo Bill, he persuades this novel sharpshooter to join his Wild West Show. It only takes one glance for her to fall head over heels for dashing shooting ace Frank Butler, who headlines the show. She soon eclipses Butler as the main attraction which, while good for business, is bad for romance. Butler hightails it off to join a rival show, his bruised male ego leading the way, but is ultimately pitted against Annie in a final shoot-out. The rousing, sure-fire finale hits the mark every time in a testament to the power of female ingenuity.

Originally produced by Rodgers and Hammerstein, *Annie Get Your Gun* starring Ethel Merman opened in New York City in 1946, and ran for 1,147 performances. The road company had Mary Martin as the star and the show ran four years in London. The score, generally considered Berlin's best, contains the song which has become the professional anthem of entertainment, "There's No Business Like Show Business."



April brings a first for our theater. *Annie Get Your Gun* will be a major production running eleven (11) performances with opening night on April 7th. This is a schedule change from what is published in the Annual Calendar of Events. The previously published *Just Say Yes* play has been rescheduled to June 24th, 25th, July 1st and 2nd.

The director for this show is Bob Harbin who is a native of Speedway. Bob retired this past spring as Senior Vice President of Casting and Talent Development for Fox Broadcasting Company. His resume boasts casting responsibility for shows such as *Melrose Place*, *L.A. Law*, *Doogie Howser, MD*, *Beverly Hills 90210* and many more. Bob has called in some favors and some of the cast members for *Annie* are from the professional ranks. This should be a fabulous show. The charge for this show is \$23 to the general public and a discounted price of \$18 to members. Opening night on April 7th and the performance on April 9th -- with curtain at 7:30 pm -- are FREE to members and their guests. Be sure to call the ticket office to reserve your seat. Don't forget that we will have dinner available prior to the show at our *Double Eagle Café* located on the mezzanine.



How to Build a Membership

Membership Basics

Have you ever had one of those days when suddenly it all seems to make sense? After all of the hard work and effort being expended by so many to promote membership in our fraternity, it is easy to look at declining numbers and fail to recognize that progress is being made. I was reminded of that over two days when five individuals contacted me to inquire about membership. These were all individuals who had a favorable opinion and took their own initiative to ask.

One of the e-mails said: "I have a question regarding membership as my soon to be husband is interested in joining. We heard about you through a friend of ours. We are both new to the Indianapolis area and getting ready to settle down and start a family. We would like to belong to your organization. Any information you can provide on how to make that happen is greatly appreciated." Another e-mail was from a Master Mason who had attended a Valley function and "would really like to join." Three others were phone calls from Master Masons who had read something or seen material about the Scottish Rite and found the prospect of further light intriguing.

It was one of the moments when I was struck with the easy to forget fact that increases in membership all start with one person asking another person to join. It is not mass marketing or newspaper or television advertising, but rather basic "blocking and tackling."

At the recent Grand Lodge Founder's Day program, the marketing committee displayed the results of several months of work on promoting our fraternity. This included a revised website, new printed material, promotional items, billboards and a DVD to give to the prospective member. All of this does much to promote the image and increase knowledge about Freemasonry and are great tools for all of us in our efforts to get new members.

However, these tools must be used to useful. How great it would have been for the writer of that e-mail to have been given the DVD or told about the tryfreemasonry.com website by the friend who spoke so highly of the organization rather than leaving it to the individual to find out about membership on their own. Increasing public awareness is a critical part of what is needed, but once the favorable knowledge of our institution is created, it is up to us to follow-up and get the petition.



The unsolicited calls inquiring about membership has strengthened my belief that membership development is all about local, individual relationships between men with shared beliefs and goals. Use the tools available and share the fraternity with other men in your community.

Jeffrey K. Saunders
Executive Director

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West Entrance Project Underway

The west side of the Cathedral will soon be a “hard hat” area when work begins on the revised west entrance. Thanks to the efforts of two Board members of the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation and the contributions of many individuals, sufficient funds were raised to authorize and begin the project. Ill Beurt R SerVaas, 33° and Gerald D Mann, 32° chaired the special Board committee to finance this project and provided their considerable talent and expertise to make it a reality. In March, the entrance will be closed and renovations will begin including new doors, a glass enclosed vestibule and stone canopy covering the street entrance. This will allow

members to drop off guests under cover and provide for a more appealing entrance protected from the weather. During the construction, the west entrance will be closed and members will need to enter through another entrance. We are

sure the final outcome will be worth this temporary inconvenience.



Funds have already been raised for a portion of this project but the Cathedral Foundation is still soliciting additional funds to completely finance the renovations. Donors will be recognized on a special plaque prominently displayed near the entrance. Contact the Foundation office to be part of this historic project.

This project, along with renovation of the passenger elevators, replacement of the south steps and several other projects is possible due to the outstanding support of many of our members to the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation capital campaign. The Foundation is on track to receive over \$800,000 in gifts this year, a 30% increase over last year's record.



Gommel & King Honored Alumni

Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis recently held a ceremony honoring distinguished alumni. Among the 11 honored for 2005 were Ill William R Gommel, 33° and Ill Neil C King, Jr, 33°. Each of these illustrious brothers received a plaque and their biographies were prominently displayed by the Tech Alumni Association. Both Brothers Gommel and King are Past Masters of their respective Lodges and both are Past Thrice Potent Masters of the Valley of Indianapolis. Neil served as Executive Secretary of the Valley from 1974 to 1990. Bill was Valley Treasurer from 1990-96 and currently serves as Treasurer for the Indiana Council of Deliberation.

Congratulations to these two outstanding Masons.

Back to Basics

by Dr E Drew Carrel, 33°

A secret to be shared. "Burnout" in many cases is nothing more than loss of physical fitness in aerobic capacity combined with overwork and high stress. Most fit people do not burnout because they maintain their fitness on an aerobic foundation of stamina. To empower your days with the refreshment of exercise, add music or education. The Great Light of Masonry is now available in the New International Version dramatized format on CD. Now the body, mind, and spirit, all three, can be exercised while listening to more Light in Masonry. The dramatized format breathes the breath of life into the living Word, just as the beautiful dramas of Freemasonry have done for centuries.

Memorial Gifts

12-1-2004 to 1-31-2005

In memory of Richard E. Bixby

Donald D. Davis
Marilyn Elrod
Rex D. Fleenor

In memory of Brian D. Hong

Dianne D. Hong

In memory of James R. Phillippe

Raymond McCaslin

In memory of Herman I. Gooding

Marianne Gooding

In memory of George W. Distel

Eva K. Distel

In memory of Clayton Kinkade

Ruby Kinkade

In memory of Paul T. Wells

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In memory of Homer P. Riddell

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In memory of William S. Read

Richard M. Read, Jr.
Doyle T. Smith

In memory of Argie N. Stewart

Charles F. Butler

In memory of Gordon Gramer

William Sigman

In memory of Lawrence W. Dill

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In memory of William E. Price

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Marilyn Elrod
Robert Elrod
Carolyn Lloyd

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In memory of George Wotherspoon

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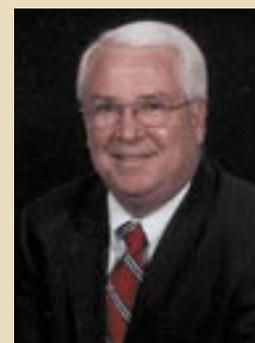
In memory of Arthur McDermid

Neil & Sally King

Campaign for the Cathedral

FRIDAY JULY 29, 2005

This will be an important date for you and your family's financial health. The Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation will be offering to every member and spouse (or guest) a tax and estate planning seminar/breakfast. The last seminar on financial planning offered by your Foundation was in 1998. Since then, the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act of 2001 has been enacted and created more tax and estate planning challenges and opportunities. Currently, the 109th Congress is considering total repeal of the estate tax, adjusting Social Security, proposals of Lifetime Savings Accounts and Retirement Savings Accounts. These are issues which will affect all of us in our personal financial lives. How will we protect our assets and pass them on to our loved ones in a thoughtful manner and still minimize our tax liability? This informative seminar will be an excellent opportunity to answer this and other questions you may have. We have assembled a panel of local professionals in Estate Law, Tax Accounting, and Banking who will offer you the most current information on how to preserve your estate and understand tax law changes and their effect on you. Following their presentations, a question and answer session will be moderated by J. David Hollingsworth, 33°. We invite you to take advantage of this value added benefit which comes with your membership as a Scottish Rite Mason. Look for more details in the June issue of our Double Eagle.



Mark Dill
Director of Major
Gifts

Make your reservation now with Lisa Brock at 317-262-3121 or e-mail at lbrock@aasr-indy.org

Indpls Foundation Donates \$190,000



Pictured are representatives from various Indianapolis area community organizations along with Masonic related and youth groups who received grants from the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis Foundation, Inc. at a program on January 25th. Over \$190,000 was distributed from the Foundation.

32° Masonic Learning Center for Children



*by Martha Robinson
Director Learning Center*

Do you know a child who is struggling in school? With approximately 15 percent of the population being effected by dyslexia, a language learning disability, the chances are you do. Your child or niece or grandson may be struggling in school not because of lack of effort but because his or her learning needs require a different approach than is available in the classroom. The 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center for Children may be able to help.

Dyslexia is a common condition and often goes unidentified. About 5% of the students in our schools have an identified language learning disability but

Patrick's 1st Great Year

research estimates the actual percent in the population to be between 15 and 20 percent. Therefore, there are children who are struggling with reading, writing and spelling as well as other subjects and not able to apply the skills needed. They often become frustrated and the school may describe them as under achievers. In fact many students who are not progressing as expected have dyslexia, which is referred to in our schools as a language learning disability.

Acceptance to the Learning Center program requires an educational evaluation through the child's school or outside Psychologist. Over the past five years hundreds of children in the Indianapolis area have taken this valuable step by finally learning valuable language skills. One such student is Patrick Holden, the son of Jonathan and Kim Holden. After trying many other options, Patrick is making great progress in his first year in the Center. His parents have high praise for the work of the Learning Center

and encourage anyone who knows of a child with an identified learning disability to contact the Learning Center at 317-262-3115 for more information.



Kim Holden and her son, Patrick prepare for a tutoring session in the Learning Center, located on the lower level of the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral.

"A Word With You" 

Just One Rose Will Do

by Don Marcum
Most Wise Master

Have you ever thought about what your favorite present was as a child? I can still remember the excitement on Christmas morning in 1966 when my brother and I discovered our



new Schwinn bicycles with banana seats sitting by the Christmas tree. Isn't it funny how, as children, we were so satisfied with the "little things" in life?

Just a few years later in 1972, I recall receiving the greatest gift of all! I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ and accepted him as my Lord and Savior. He came into my heart and lives there still today. Together my parents, brother



and I were baptized as a family. It changed my outlook on life forever and brought me to the realization that material things really aren't what matters in our lifetime on Earth.

I learned to cherish the message of the gospel music that my grandmother enjoyed. I can still recall her listening to the Chuck Wagon Gang on her record player. Reflecting on my childhood one song comes to mind. It was titled, "Just One Rose Will Do" and was sang by "Pop" Lewis of "The Lewis Family". Please let me share part of the song with you:

When time shall come for my leaving, when I bid you adieu;

Don't spend your money for flowers, just one rose will do.

Because I'm going up to a beautiful garden, at last when my work is through.

Don't spend your money for flowers, just one rose will do.

I'd rather have one rose, from a garden of a friend, Than the choicest flowers when this stay on earth shall end.

I'd rather have one word in kindness said to me, Than flattery when my heart is still and life has ceased to be.

I'd rather have a pleasant smile from a friend I know is true,

Than tears shed around my casket when I bid this world adieu.

Bring me all the flowers today, whether pink, white or red.

I'd rather have one rose now, than a truck load when I'm dead.

Isn't it sad that so many people go through life and never realize what they are missing? Many never realize that expressing love for family and friends is so important in life. That a smile or a kind word touches a heart. It isn't what we own or strive to attain. It is the "little things" that we already have that are the true treasures of life.



Sometimes I hear people say, "I wasn't brought up that way". Well maybe it is time to change. How horrible it would be to come to the end of life's journey and regret the many times in life that we could have said, "I Love You", and didn't because of a hardened heart.

I can remember my father often telling my grandmother how much he loved her. He would ask her how much she loved him and she would reply, "A dipper full". Why a dipper full

you might ask? Well that is all that a dipper will hold. She loved Dad with all her heart. And that love lasts for eternity. Looking back on the past 46 years of my life, I realize that the love of my wife, children, family and friends is the most important treasure that God has given me.

At the conclusion of the 18th Degree, the Rose Croix Officers have the honor of presenting a single red rose to each new candidate. It represents our belief in the resurrection and eternal life. It also provides us the opportunity to express our Brotherly Love to our Brothers as they leave the auditorium to take time to reflect on their relationship with God and their families.

This Easter season take time to reflect on your relationship with your family and with God.

Buy a few red roses and present one to each person that means so much in your life. Take time now to say "I Love You" and to share that love with your family and friends. Life is short and ends as quickly as a soft breeze extinguishes a flame. Share your love today and remember that "Just One Rose Will Do"!

Please join us for Easter Cathedral Hour on Saturday, March 26, at 7:30 pm as we remember our dear departed brothers and the reason for the Easter season. It will be our pleasure to present you with a red rose at the end of the program.

God bless you and keep you until we meet again. Brother Don





Theatre of Performing Arts

by Bill Woodruff, 33° - General Manager of Theatre Operations

The theater has a exciting spring planned. Several new shows have been added and your annual calendar does not reflect these changes. In order to bring quality entertainment to our venue, additions and rearrangements have been necessary. At the time of publication, we have completed two great concerts with *The Capital City Chorus* and *The Purdue Glee Club*. We hope you had the chance to enjoy these great shows and will continue riding this wave of great entertainment with the following shows:

March 6, 2005 The Wright Brothers in Concert 4 pm

This will be their cowboy show with songs and a special set design. It will be a great evening for all.

March 18, 2005 Motown and More in concert 7:30 pm

This group features Brenda Williams and Tim Spradlin of ACT (American Cabaret Theater) fame. Some of their featured songs are: "My Girl"; "Last Dance"; "Midnight Train to Georgia"; "On Broadway"; and "Celebration" A great evening of entertainment.

March 19, 2005 Family Night at the Rite 7:30 pm

The movie "The Passion of the Christ" will be shown. This movie is very moving for all. It is a film that is recommended for mature audiences only. This evening is free to members and guests and includes refreshments.

March 26, 2005 Easter Cathedral Hour 7:30 pm

The evening is an Easter celebration and memorial to those who led the way but are no longer with us. The host for this evening will be the Rose Croix officers.

Opening April 7, 2005 and running for three weeks will be our first major musical production: "**Annie Get Your Gun**". This show will set a new standard for entertainment at the Scottish Rite. This is a DON'T MISS production. All of our evening performances, except the Wright Brothers, will offer dinner available through the *Double Eagle Café* which opens at 5 pm. Come and join us for all of these wonderful entertainment events.

March 11th-12th Convocation & Reunion

Grand Master's One-Day & Ill William C Brandt, Jr 33° Class

Friday	6:15 pm	Entered Apprentice Fellowcraft Degree
Saturday	8:30 am	Master Mason Degree
<u>Adoniram Lodge of Perfection Degrees</u>		
Saturday	11 am	Oath of Fealty 4° Ceremonial Section
	12 Noon	Lunch
	1 pm	14° Grand Elect Mason & Investiture of Gold Rings

Sarahiah Council of Princes of Jerusalem Degrees
16° Prince of Jerusalem

Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix Degree
18° Knight of the Rose Croix

5:30 pm Dinner

Indiana Consistory Degree
7 pm 20° Master ad Vitam
32° Sublime Prince Royal Secret

Volunteer to help the Make-up and Chorus departments - 262-3100

DeMolay Honors SGC

This spring hundreds of young men will be recruited to join their friends in a fun-filled organization that has been a part of the Masonic Family since 1919. DeMolay is an



organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun

approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide.

Sovereign Grand Commanders Walter E Webber and Ronald A Seale are being honored as Senior DeMolays in the organization's spring membership drive. DeMolay alumni include Walt Disney, John Wayne, Walter Cronkite, football Hall-of-Famer Fran Tarkenton, legendary Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne, news anchor David Goodnow and many others. Each has spoken eloquently of the life-changing benefit gained from their involvement in DeMolay.

All youth members that are first line signers on new petitions this spring will receive the following: "Thank you" letters from the Grand Master, Congress Officers, Executive Director and from the Sovereign Grand Commanders. In addition, an application for membership and CD with a request to continue to pursue new members will be included. For more information about DeMolay go to www.IndianaDeMolay.org



Make-Up Dept Looking for Some New Faces

The Make-up Department is looking for a FEW GOOD MEN to do make up for the degrees and other dramatic productions. Morticians are welcome as they already know how to make us look good. Of course being a mortician may be a plus, it certainly is not a requirement. Tom Worrell, Department Chairman, welcomes anyone who might be interested in learning and practicing the art of theatrical make-up. If interested please contact Tom at 823-4661. He is a master and anyone who has the desire can be trained.

Ham Radio Club April Class

Ham Radio that is! The Indianapolis Radio Club and Indianapolis Valley will co-sponsor an express "No-Code" Technician Class Amateur Radio Course for three evenings in April. Yes, you can become an Amateur Radio Operator in one week! The Class will meet on Monday, April 11th, Wednesday, April 13th and Friday, April 15th from 6 pm to 10 pm in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Lodge Room. The class is FREE but you must purchase a "Now You're Talking" 5th Edition study manual. Please order the study manual through the Valley office when you make your reservation. The study manual cost is \$20. You must have a study manual the first night of class.



those who are willing to devote the necessary time to study should attend.

The "No-Code" Technician Class License exam will be administered on Saturday, April 16 beginning at 8 am. The fee for the exam is approximately \$12. Upon passing the Technician Class License exam, you can enjoy all the fun and excitement that Amateur Radio has to offer! The class size is limited to 20 people and is open to Scottish Rite members and the general public. Please reserve your seat today by calling the Valley Office at 1-317-262-3100. Reservation deadline is April 5, 2005.

Please remember that this is an "express" class which requires extensive study and dedication. Tuesday and Thursday nights must be reserved for study. Only

The Indianapolis Radio Club was founded in 1914 and continues to be very active in our community. We extend our appreciation to the club and its volunteers for conducting this class.

Chips from the Quarry

G R Clark SR Club



George Rogers Clark Scottish Rite Club Children's Christmas Party (boy is that a mouthful) was held on December 17th at Clark Lodge #40.

Pictured in last row is Joe Hobble - Secretary,

Charles Sebastian - District Chairman #7,

Sammy La Hue - Santa Claus, James Slack - President;

Howard King - VP, and Ray Beets - Past President. We had 12 children and a very good meal.

Operation Phone Home

Meeting in the House of the Temple in Washington, DC, on February 13, 2004 Ill Walter E Webber SGC of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and Ill Ronald A Seale, SGC

of the Southern Jurisdiction, presented two checks to USO representative Tiffany Sefton, Coordinator of Corporate Giving, in support of the USO's "Operation Phone Home." This program funds prepaid 100-minute



AT&T phone cards, which are distributed free to our American troops abroad, particularly those soldiers in Afghanistan, the Balkans, and Iraq. The phone card sponsored by the Scottish Rites was designed by William D. Borman Jr, 32°, and carries the text "Compliments of America's Scottish Rite Masons."

To date \$45, 550 has been given to this program to date. The most recent donations include a generous gift from the **Valley of Indianapolis** as well as many personal gifts of members with sons and daughters in the armed services. Scottish Rite Masons and friends who wish to support this program may do so by contacting Wally Brown, Manager of Charities, at 781-465-3325. *This patriotic program is an excellent way to demonstrate your personal and Scottish Rite support of America's service men and women serving the cause of peace and freedom around the world.*

Abbott Scholarships

The deadline for receiving applications for college scholarships is April 1, 2005. Indianapolis Valley, in concert with the Supreme Council awards a total of \$25,000 in scholarships to children and grandchildren of Scottish Rite members, members of Masonic youth groups or graduates of the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children. Call Donna Cofer in the Valley office for applications or download an application at www.supremecouncil.org/new/home.asp.

Plainfield #653 Honors Indpls Valley Brothers



Plainfield Lodge #653 enjoyed a fine evening of dinner and the presentation of an Award of Gold and a 25-year Award. Shown here are Robert Zellers - Jr. Warden; William Earle - 50 year Award of Gold; Jack Burleson - 25 year pin; and Jack Schmalfeldt, PM who made the two presentations. These honored brothers are very active in the Indianapolis Valley of Scottish Rite in Indianapolis.

Timpani Have Glamorous History



It's difficult for the average person who is not up on musical matters to see or imagine any glamour behind or in the timpani -- that's kettle drums to him.

That is when he watches a player flailing away on them with a couple of what look to him like sticks with a fuzzy ball on the end of each, but bear the technical name of mallets.

But there can be glamour. In fact one set comes to mind. Those timpani belong to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Orchestra.

They once belonged to the late John Philip Sousa, the great march king, composer of many marches, including the always-popular "Stars and Stripes Forever". Thereby hangs a tale that harks to 1922, when Sousa and his band appeared in concert in Indianapolis. While in the city, Sousa traded 25-inch and 28-inch hand-tuned timpani for a pair of machine-tuned timpani made by a local company.

Subsequently the hand-tuned timpani that had belonged to Sousa were bought by Alfred Hoberg and presented by him to Shortridge High School for use by its band and orchestra. At that time his son, Richard who was a first flutist in the Scottish Rite Orchestra and a student at Shortridge and a member of its instrumental music groups.

For something like 43 years, those timpani served Shortridge. During that time the school had three orchestra directors and seven band leaders. One of the band leaders was Robert J Shultz -- a member of the Scottish Rite for many years. Another was James B Calvert. These two men directed the Orchestra from 1931 til 1965.

During the 43 year period the only maintenance on those timpani was replacement of an occasional broken head. In 1967, now as principal of Shortridge, Shultz joined with John H Jefferson, chairman of the Scottish Rite's music committee in buying the timpani and presenting them to the Rite. The Scottish Rite purchased the machine-tuned timpani from Shortridge and now both sets are used by our Orchestra.



Come and hear these magnificent musical instruments on **Saturday, May 7th at 7:30 pm** as the Scottish Rite Orchestra, Chorus, and the magnificent Cathedral Organist presents a delightful evening of music for your holiday entertainment. This is a FREE concert. No food service prior to this concert.

This article was condensed from an account in the Indianapolis News on August 24, 1971 and was written by Wayne Guthrie.

Saturday, May 7th at 7:30 pm

Coming "Rite" Up

Holy Week



Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix will hold a Cathedral Hour Service on **Saturday, March 26th at 7:30 pm**. An outstanding speaker will bring us the Holy Week message, along with a splendid musical program presented by the Scottish Rite Chorus. A brief memorial service will be conducted for deceased brethren.

All brethren and their guests are cordially invited and no tickets are required for this auditorium event.

Children's Play

No charge for members and their guests for Beauty and the Beast on **Friday, May 20th at 7:30 pm** and **Sunday, May 22nd at 2 pm**. Come and see Indianapolis' future actors perform on the best stage in Indianapolis -- your Scottish Rite Cathedral.



Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, April 19, 2005: "Herbal Reverie – Using Herbs in Cooking and Medicine" featuring Constance Ferry. Years ago, Constance Ferry, owner of the Hobbit Gardens Erth Gatherings in Fillmore, started selling extra plants, vegetables, and herbs that she grew. Now she sells more than 250 medicinal and culinary herbs, and more than 75 different flowers.



Known for using her special herb blends to create special salves, kitchen medicinals, and homemade skin care products, Constance will share some of her special secrets.



500 Festival Parade

The Scottish Rite is again offering prime reserved seats on Meridian Street for its members for the annual 500 Festival Parade. Tickets are \$12.50 per person for the



Saturday, May 28th event at noon and includes reserved parking on the West Lot, reserved seating, and a box lunch with drink for two. Limit of 8 tickets per member.

Take advantage of this great opportunity to see all the floats, bands, and drivers from your very own seat. Rest room facilities within the Cathedral will be available. Seats are very limited. This event has sold out early each of the previous 3 years.

June 6th Summer Golf Outing

The June Scottish Rite Golf Outing will be held on **Monday, June 6th** with a shotgun start at high noon. It will be held at Killbuck Golf Course in Anderson. Register your foursome by **May 22nd** by calling the office at 262-3100. Cost is \$60 per person and includes dinner at the Golf Club at approximately 6 pm (depending on the speed of play). For further info you may call **Bob Holler at 317-422-5698**.

Through the Cathedral Window

What if God was One of Us?

by Jerry B Collins, 33°
Editor

I want to recommend a wonderful show in its 2nd season on CBS called *Joan of Arcadia*. If you liked *Touched by an Angel* in the 90's, then you will like this weekly drama as seen through the eyes of teenager Joan Girardi. This Friday drama follows a typical family facing atypical situations, not the least of which is their teenage daughter's sudden, unexpected conversations with God. Tough but soft-hearted police chief Will Girardi is new to the city of Arcadia and dreams of providing a safe haven for his family and community. Daughter Joan has begun acting a little strange. No one knows that it probably has something to do with the unusual way various people keep popping up, introducing themselves as God, and then giving her specific directions to do things, like get a job. The appearances are hard for her to believe, even more so as she never knows who's going to turn up next. One minute it's a cute boy her own age, the next it's the lunch lady. For now, she's keeping it all a secret. Unsure of what God wants, and if she's even sane, Joan tentatively begins to follow God's cryptic directives, all the while trying to retain a "normal" teen-aged existence. The recurring weekly theme is best summed up as this: When you toss a stone into a still pond, some of the ripples make their way back to you and others go on and on affecting different parts of the pond. So it is in life. Joan is coaxed each week to go out of her way to perform a task, meet a stranger, sign-up for a course she has no desire to take, and so on. God is nudging her out of her comfort zone and it is usually NOT the immediate or obvious outcome that He wants to happen, but something that happens as a result of that first step or two that produces the desired result.



We simply can't know how a cheerful "hello" or a sarcastic remark to a stranger on the street might impact their day - or ours. The Middle Chamber lecture of the Fellowcraft Degree states, "The wise and beneficent Author of Nature intended. . . that we should be social creatures and receive the greatest and most important part of our knowledge by the information of others." We are to enjoy the unintended happy affects of Masons interacting throughout the world.

Please re-read Jeff's article on Page 2. As a member of that committee, I feel the fraternity is about to turn the corner in membership, but it wasn't until I had an opportunity to show the DVD to a prospect did I know how easy this process has been made for us. At the conclusion of the video, I asked the man if he had any questions and after answering two, I pulled out a pen and a petition and handed it to him. There were two other Masons in the room at the time and they both emitted a nervous chuckle when I took out my pen, (an assumed closing sales technique) but the man simply took the pen and began writing. He wanted what we have -- he wanted to be a Mason. The fraternity really doesn't need salespeople to sell it -- it sells itself. Our collective 'job' as Masons is to sit down with men of good character and simply let them decide.

Last night I had dinner with 23 brothers and somebody made the observation that he didn't know anybody in the room prior to becoming a Mason. He then asked if anybody else shared that experience. Only a few did, and yet there we all were -- good friends, enjoying each other's camaraderie. Friendships that would not have happened without Freemasonry.

Ripples in the pond. Let's all go out and play in the water.

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