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June 30th Completion Set for Improved West Entrance

by Jeffrey K. Saunders,
Executive Director

The new canopy that is being constructed on the west entrance of the Cathedral consists of limestone pillars and limestone facing and is 33 feet wide and 28 feet from the sidewalk to the outer edge and 14 feet 4 inches high. The new vestibule will extend from the current doors out 8 feet to the edge of the street and members and guests may enter from doors facing north and south.

One of the unique features is the new reception area located inside the west doors on the north wall. The former medical room has been removed and a room constructed there with an opening cut into the wall just north of the doors so that anyone entering the building can be greeted and directed to their destination in the Cathedral. This will

clear the space coming up and down the grand staircase to provide plenty of room to enter and exit.

Not part of the West Entrance project but complementary to it will be the ability to monitor movement throughout the building via new digital security

cameras. Monitors at the west entrance will allow personnel to view all entrances plus lobbies on all floors, ballroom, banquet hall, learning center, parking lots and other areas. This will greatly enhance our ability to protect our Cathedral.

Construction of this entrance is made possible by generous gifts from several members.

Many groups, like 33rd degree members, officers and members of the Cathedral Foundation Board of Directors are continuing to provide funding. *If you would like an opportunity to contribute to this project, contact the Foundation office at 317-262-3121.*



How to Build a Membership

Membership by the Numbers

In the last issue, I discussed some of the strides being made in the Scottish Rite and the Fraternity at large to attract more members using new and modern tools such as promotional DVDs, web sites and updated material. We all hear observations about younger men joining, but let me share with you the experience of the Valley of Indianapolis over the last few classes.

The ages of our members in these classes ranged from 18 to 83 with an average age of 44, younger than previous measurements by over two years. Forty percent of these new members were under age 40 and fifteen percent under age 30. They are participating in many activities and are bringing a high level of enthusiasm to the conferral of the degrees. Those of you in the audience in March for the last Convocation may have noted a lot of new faces in the 20th degree. The average age of the non-officer cast parts was just under 34 and you certainly couldn't distinguish the performance of these relatively new Masons from the seasoned veterans!

I am certainly encouraged that, while many positions of leadership in the Fraternity are held by men over 50, there is a talented, energetic and enthusiastic wave of young men waiting in the wings. But we need to continue the trend of attracting more young men to membership. The last few classes are a start, but more work is needed. Freemasonry's challenge is to continue to be attractive to younger men, while offering opportunities for all ages to be involved and identify with membership in an institution that has existed for many generations. In August each of you will be receiving a new calendar of events book showing the fraternal events planned by the presiding officers for 2005-06. You will note some traditional favorites like the Bean Supper, Orchestra/Chorus/Organ Concerts, and family favorites like Children's Christmas Party, Halloween Party and 4th of July picnic. But I also hope you will notice some events specifically for our younger members and others specifically for our longtime members. The officers have committed a broad range of programs to appeal to members young and old and those near the Cathedral as well as those outside of Marion County. Those new members I mentioned, over 25% live over 40 miles away from the Cathedral. Programs were designed with you in mind as well.



Get involved where you can, take pride in the Fraternity, and share with a young man how important it is for him to become a member.

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Theatre of Performing Arts

Theatre Comes to Life

by Bill Woodruff, 33°
General Manager of Theatre Operations



April marked the opening debut of our Theater to the public of Indianapolis with the Scottish Rite production of *Annie Get Your Gun*.

What a beautiful beginning to the opening

of a new era for our beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral Theater.

The opening brought the News Media out in droves to see what a beautiful treasure we have in our Cathedral. I hope you had the chance to read Nick Crews's article on the front page of the *Indianapolis Star's* Arts & Entertainment section which featured "the eighth wonder of the world". Nick, whose father was a member of Plainfield Lodge #653 and the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite prior to his travel to the celestial lodge above, was awestruck by the beauty of the Theater. His wonderful article created an avalanche of television, radio and print media attention about the theater and the production of *Annie Get Your Gun*.

The Scottish Rite Center for the Performing Arts is very proud of the part they played in bringing this production to life. We had numerous comments about "where this company is was performing next". We were very proud to say that it was totally a Scottish Rite production done in the true tradition of Community Theater. That is the best part of the show; we did it in-house for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. We can accomplish much to ensure that this beautiful edifice always remains the property of the membership, and that it doesn't follow the path of some of our appendant edifices.

We are also very proud of the theatrical reviews this show received. To quote one reviewer, "This is Community Theater? If so, Indianapolis should be proud because the community this calls to mind is the one that's right off

Broadway". I hope you had the chance to join us at this milestone production.

Up next on **June 24th, 25th, July 1st, & 2nd** is the Scottish Rite Players production of *Just Say Yes*. Don't miss this hilarious comedy with more twists and turns than a pretzel.



Over 5000 people saw *Annie Get Your Gun* at the Valley Theatre.

The Scottish Rite Center will then open its new season on **August 12th, 13th, 19th, and 20th** with a wonderful comical musical *The Roar of the Greasepaint and Smell of the Crowd*. It will leave you laughing out loud and will be directed by Bob Harbin, the man who brought you *Annie Get Your Gun*.

We have a wonderful variety of events coming up, and we hope you will take advantage of the opportunities being provided by your Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Back to Basics

by Dr E Drew Carrel, 33°

The Body, Mind, Spirit Connection.

Exercise cures grumpiness. In a recent review of 32 studies of senior citizens, investigators found that regular exercise consistently promoted a positive outlook and mood. They have found that exercise fights disease but also now that activity makes older people just plain happy. Studies show that low intensity exercise produces the greatest mood improvements and that the combination of aerobic exercise and strength training elevates mood to a greater extent than does aerobic exercise alone.

Campaign for the Cathedral

ESTATE & TAX PLANNING SEMINAR

The Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation will be hosting an estate and tax planning seminar/breakfast for members and spouses/guests on Friday July 29, 2005. Registration/ breakfast begin at 8:30 am followed by the program at 9:30 am.

This informative seminar will feature four local Indianapolis professionals experienced in estate law, tax accounting and banking. A question and answer session will follow their presentations with J. David Hollingsworth 33rd serving as moderator.

Jay Benjamin, CPA, JD is a partner with Katz, Sapper & Miller Tax Department and has been with the firm since 1992. He is a member of the taxation section of the American Bar, Indiana Bar,

Indianapolis Bar and the Executive Committee of the Estate Planning Council of Indianapolis.

Ellen Deeter, JD, is Senior Trust Officer and Vice President of Trust and Estate Group of The National Bank of Indianapolis and a Board Member of the Planned Giving Group of Indiana.

C Daniel Yates, MBA, JD is a partner with Bose, McKinney & Evans and admitted to the Bar in 1973. He is a member of the Indianapolis Bar, Indiana Bar, and American Bar Associations, Fellow of the Indiana Bar Foundation and member of American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

J David Hollingsworth, JD, was admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1973 and has been in private practice since 1975 specializing in Estate Planning, Probate, and Administration of Trusts. Dave is a 1968 graduate of Franklin College.

Make your reservation by contacting:

Lisa Brock at 317-262-3121 or e-mail at lbrock@asr-indy.org.

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In honor of Beverly L. Conrad

Russ Murphy



Spring Class Officers

*Front Row (l to r): John Ebert, George Coleman, Brady Davis, Scott Sendmeyer, Stephen Little, Kenneth Jackson, Amzie Wenning.
Back Row: Marke Roberts, James Sandmann, Michael Turk, David Phillips, & George Pendencygraft.*



Knights of Saint Andrew

New Member? Want to Get Involved?

*by Matt Boyer
Director of Work*

We have all experienced the pageantry of a Convocation. When sitting in the audience did you ever think, "WOW, that looks like fun". If so, Great! That is just one of the ways that you as a 32nd degree Scottish Rite mason can give back to your Valley.

By joining the Knights of Saint Andrew you are given a direct path to the needs of the Valley and at the same time match up your needs as a valued member.

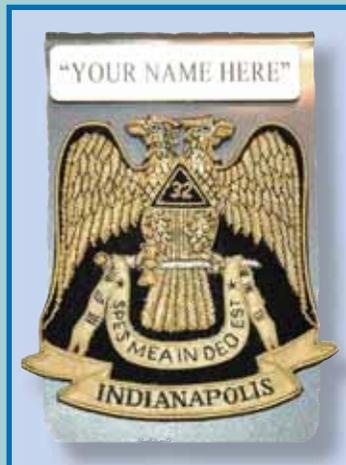
We need help with make-up, costumes, degree work (actors), stage work, and helping out with many other activities including ushering at the plays that occur throughout the year at the Scottish Rite and our annual 4th of July BBQ party.

The Indianapolis Valley's Cathedral is by far the most beautiful and we hope that no one feels lost or without a home within our walls, however we also understand that it is easy to feel overwhelmed and without direction, so, I personally invite you to bring your questions about the Scottish Rite and in particular the Knights of Saint Andrew, and hopefully we can make you feel more connected to our wonderful fraternity.

If you would like to hear more about the Knights of Saint Andrew, e-mail Brian Lewis at Kazul56@yahoo.com or call 317-262-3100 x151. It would be our pleasure to visit your

lodge to offer a brief presentation of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and particularly the Knights of Saint Andrew. *We look forward to seeing you soon.*

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Joe Looker & Bill Clutter Complete Years of Service

Two Valley Officers 'Retire' from Active Duty

by Randy Schutz

Last month, Ill Willard R Clutter, 33° completed six years of faithful service to the Valley that culminated as Thrice Potent Master of the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection and Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Our beautiful Cathedral was quickly approaching a significant milestone in her history: three-quarters of a century of service to central Indiana. A year-long 75th Anniversary gala was capped by a rededication ceremony attended by our Sovereign Grand Commander - and Bill helped to orchestrate all of the details.

Bill's vast experience and leadership positions throughout our fraternity served him well as he used these skills to guide the Executive Committee in an unselfish and fraternal spirit of cooperation -- always keeping our members needs in mind.

Bill was instrumental in helping establish the officer training program that will be instrumental in helping the Junior officers understand the expectations of being a Valley Officer.



Brother Bill's attention to detail, professionalism, and love for our Valley has been repeatedly displayed. Always striving to meet the needs of our members and to assure that our Valley maintained the excellence passed down by those who had gone before him, Bill looked at the Valley membership as 'customers' that deserved a high value product in return for their membership.

Together with his lovely wife Donna, events such as the Ladies Luncheons and the New Year's Eve Celebration raised the bar for years to come. We thank Bill for his leadership, dedication, commitment and loyalty to the Indianapolis Valley, and we wish him Godspeed on his Masonic journey.



by Scott Schuster

This past year, Joseph H Looker served the Valley of Indianapolis as Commander-in-Chief of the Indiana Consistory and as a member of the Executive Committee after spending seven years in the Indiana Consistory. Joe is also widely known within the fraternity for his portrayal of George Washington in the 20th Degree.

Although Joe portrayed George Washington, his actions during the past seven years in line would have made even our first President very proud. He is leaving the cadre of officers as he came in: dignified and decisive; clear about what is important and confident about his beliefs and values.

His devotion to his family and faith are steadfast. We appreciate the support received over the years from his wife Patti, daughters and grandchildren. Bryson, Joe's oldest grandson, served as Master of Ceremonies at our most recent Father, Daughter and Son night and exemplified his own leadership qualities as well as the spirit of the evening.

Being a leader of any volunteer organization is a challenge, but Joe demonstrated leadership with great character and preparation. He was supportive and encouraged his officers, trusting them to perform their duties.

Joe establishes camaraderie no matter what the venue; Valley members, Executive Committee members or Past and Present Consistory Officers. We will savor fond memories of his occasional cigar after a successful convocation, degree practice, or fraternal golf outing.

Commander-in-Chief, we thank you for the brotherhood and friendship you have given us all and we congratulate you on a job well done!





New Executive Committee for 2005-06: Donald B Marcum, Jr - Most Wise Master; Roger S VanGorden, 33° - Deputy Master; S Randal Schutz - Thrice Potent Master; Cary H Snyder - Sovereign Prince; and, Scott A Schuster - Commander-in-Chief.

Randy Schutz

S Randal Schutz was elected Thrice Potent Master, Adoniram Lodge of Perfection of the Indianapolis Valley at the May 4, 2005 Annual Meeting.

He was graduated from Purdue University in 1982 with a bachelors degree in building construction and contracting technology.

Randy manages a construction company which builds retail and hotel/motel industry projects. His wife, Theresa, is a product line manager at Visteon Corporation. They reside in Greenfield and breed Arabian horses.

Randy is a member of New Palestine Lodge #404, and has served as Worshipful Master. He is a plural member of Century Lodge #764 and belongs to the Downtown York Rite Bodies, Murat Shrine, and the Royal Order of Scotland. He has been active in the Membership Development Committee of the Valley and a member of the Executive Committee. Randy has a great ability to pull leaders together with his infectious style of energy and brainstorming.



Roger VanGorden

Born in September 1959, Roger S VanGorden joins the Executive Committee this year as Deputy Master. Roger is married to Lisa and have four daughters. He attended Indiana University and are active members of Edinburgh United Methodist Church. Roger is currently employed at Cummins in Columbus.

Roger was raised in Farmers Lodge #147 and is a plural member at Broad Ripple #643 and served twice as Worshipful Master. He was installed as the 152nd Grand Master of Masons for Indiana in May 2002.

He has been active in the dramatic cast of numerous Valley degrees. An ardent fraternalist, he enjoys memberships in numerous Masonic organizations and appendant bodies including the York Rite and Shrine.

Scott Schuster

Scott A Schuster was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Indiana Consistory, Valley of Indianapolis for the 2005-2006 year at the May Stated Meeting and Annual Elections.

Scott is a partner in the Audit and Assurance Services Group at Katz, Sapper & Miller. He audits and reviews financial statements and advises clients in accounting, internal control, and operations matters.

He graduated from Indiana University in 1984 and is a member of various professional groups including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Indiana CPA Society.

Scott enjoys golfing, boating, and running. He, and his wife Karen, reside in Fishers and have three children; Laura, Sara and Joe.

Scott is a Past Master of Mystic Tie Lodge #398 and a member of the Murat Shrine, York Rite and the Royal Order of Scotland. We welcome Scott's financial expertise in the coming year.

New Valley Officer Appointments

Gregory N Jordan, 33^o

.....was appointed by Randy Schutz to the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection line of officers as Captain of the Guard for the ensuing year. Greg is doing consulting work following more than 22 years working for Marion County and holding the position as County Treasurer. Many of you will recall Greg's run for Mayor during the last election.



He is a Past State Master Councilor in DeMolay (Oregon) and continued his Masonic journey by being raised a Master Mason in Mystic Tie Lodge #398 in December 1976. He is a Past Executive Secretary for Indiana DeMolay and a

member of the Murat Shrine.

Greg joined the Indianapolis Valley in 1977 and served as Chair of the Officer Screening Committee in 2003-04. Greg's motivation for accepting this appointment is from his desire to give something back to the fraternity as payment for the many positive experiences I have enjoyed.

He and his wife Rosemary have two children, Michael (25) and Jennifer(21). We welcome the Jordans.

Timothy J Murphy

.....was appointed by Scott Schuster to the Consistory as Standard Bearer for the upcoming year. Tim currently leads the Indiana Lumber & Builders' Supply Association. He recently served as CEO of Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity; however, prior to moving to Indiana, Tim was principal of a multi-location funeral home corporation in Akron, Ohio. Tim is a graduate of The Ohio State University.



Recognized for his outstanding leadership skills, Tim has been on the Masonic fast-track serving as Worshipful Master, Calvin W Prather Lodge # 717 (2003), Past President, Murat Shrine Chanters (2004), Make-Up Committee, Indianapolis Valley (since 1999), Chaplain, Murat Shrine (2005), and Prather York Rite Bodies. Most recently he authored and directed the Grand Lodge Recruitment video/DVD that was unveiled to those attending Founder's Day meetings last January and received a standing ovation.

Tim resides in Indianapolis with his lovely wife Leslie, and two cocker spaniels, Abbie & Casey Irene. We welcome Tim into the Valley.



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Masonic Fellowship Day

Belle of Louisville

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

For more info call 800-489-3579 or www.aasr-indy.org
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"A Word With You" 

Stones in the Path of Life

by Michael W Klepper,
Captain of the Guard
Indianapolis Rose Croix

"If God is good, why is there evil and suffering in the world?" "If



God really loves me, why am I facing so much difficulty in my life?" "He was a good Christian why did that happen to him?" We have all

heard people ask these questions and at some point, most of us have asked them ourselves.

There is not an organization, company or person in this world that has not had to face a problem in their tenure here on earth. Life's problems face us all at some time or another and they come in different degrees of severity. Some are small and trivial such as a conflict with a co-worker or a driver that cut you off on the road, and some are devastating such as the loss of a job or severe illness.



Walking with God we often think that if something is God's will, it will automatically happen. However, this is a very cavalier approach to faith. In fact, if something is part of God's plan for our lives, we will probably have to contend for it all the more. It is through much tribulation that we

enter God's Kingdom (Acts 14:22). Faith is active, not passive. God wants us to face our difficulties with a bold, aggressive faith that refuses to be denied.

How we learn from these difficulties is what sets us aside as Masons. I like to refer to these problems as stones in the path of life. In the first degree of Masonry we are given instruction on how to deal with these stones by making use of our working tools. The common gavel is to be used to divest our minds and consciences of all the lying deceits and vanities of the world, thereby fitting our bodies as living stones, for that spiritual building, that House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. God gives us these problems to build our character and prepare our spiritual bodies for eternal life.

Our Masonic ritual is rich with lessons on how to deal with adversity. The 12th degree of the Scottish Rite exemplifies probably the best example. It tells of the story of Joseph. Joseph was the apple of his father's eye. If there was ever anyone who seemed to have the right to give up on God and life itself, it was Joseph. Here was a teenager who had done nothing wrong, and yet had been sold into slavery by his brothers and thrown into jail for a crime he did not commit. But even in jail, Joseph became a model prisoner and rose to a position of leadership and influence. In time, he was able to stand before the Pharaoh of Egypt himself and was promoted to the position of top administrative assistant to the king. Joseph is a beautiful picture of how someone overcame all of the problems and

obstacles in his life and rose to the highest position of influence possible at that time.

Later, when Joseph was reunited with his brothers, they expressed concern about his intentions toward them. He explained to them that though they meant their action for evil, God meant it for good (Genesis 50:20).

Joseph's understanding of that truth was what enabled him to endure all the injustice that had come into his life. Instead of being crushed by his troubles, he responded to them in a manner that made it clear that his faith and confidence in God was unshaken. He was not overcome with evil, but rather, he overcame evil with good.



The motto of our fraternity is, "To take good men and make them better." We do this by providing a common platform where all men may meet and apply the useful tenets of our institution to their lives. We are all sacredly bound to one another to help, aid, and assist each other in times of distress so that we will be able to draw on one another's experiences.

So brethren, let's apply the principles of Masonry in our own lives and truly become Master builders for the eternal Temple to which we are all traveling.



'Round the Rite

NASCAR Dinner

This year's combined Father/Daughter and Father/Son Dinner was a repeat of the very popular NASCAR racing theme used last year. About a third of the Banquet Hall was transformed into two radio-controlled race tracks where heats were held to determine an evening champion. A tire changing rack with a pneumatic lug wrench was also available to determine the speed of a potential pit crew member.

The inset picture shows Presiding Officers, **Cary Snyder**, **Don Marcum**, **Gary Brinley** -- substituting for Bill Clutter, and **Joe Looker** each holding a car with their symbol of office. A special 'bragging rights' race was held between the officer lines and last year's winner, Cary Snyder, was dethroned by Most Wise Master Don Marcum.



Top Producers Cited, "Patriot Class" Announced

by Tom Fallis, 33°
Membership Chairman

What a great membership year we had. With two Convocation/ Reunions, the Scottish Rite welcomed 129 Master Masons into our ranks. Five brothers were responsible for sponsoring one-third of these members. The top producers for the year were: **Mike Klepper** (14), **Brian Lewis** (11), **Kent Watts** (8), **Chuck Wood** (5), and the late **Clarence Stout, MSA** (5). These men should be commended for their hard work and leadership. The top producing Lodges were: **Calvin W Prather** (17), **Southport** (9), **Frank S Land** (6), **Morristown** (5), and **Morgantown** (5). *Thanks to the Lodge Chairmen for their work.*



This brand new 4th Degree Cast from our last Convocation was directed by Dave Hollingsworth, 33° with many thanks to Hugh Burns, 33° for encouraging these enthusiastic new ritualists to participate.

This year, the Presiding Officers of the Valley of Indianapolis are sponsoring a very special Convocation/ Reunion for this fall. The **November 11-12, 2005** class will

be named "The Patriot Class". This class is open to all Master Masons who wish to join, but it holds a special place for those who have served their country or communities. If you know a retired, honorably discharged, or active member of the Military, Guard or Reserves; an active, retired, or reserve Police or Sheriff; an active, retired, or volunteer Firefighter; an EMT-B, EMT-A, or EMT-P then the Patriot Class has been established to honor them. If you know anybody who qualifies in one of the above mentioned categories, then the Valley will pay their initiation fee -- just fill out a petition and attach a copy of proof of service and they are on the way to becoming a Scottish Rite Mason.

If you have any questions concerning this class, feel free to e-mail me at councilguy@lightbound.com or call the Scottish Rite Office at 317-262-3100.

I look forward to seeing many Patriots in the Fall Class.

Coming "Rite" Up

Summer Play



A successful author of books on "how to be a success" is goaded into proving his theories. He picks the world's biggest loser and makes him a winner. However, it will cost him everything. Don't miss this uproariously funny comedy that is full of more twists and turns than a pretzel.

Just Say Yes will be presented on **June 24, 25, and July 1, & 2 at 7:30 pm**. No charge to members and their guests; however, all seats are reserved, so call for tickets. Dinner is available prior to the show from 5 - 7 pm.

4th of July Party

The Rose Croix Officers and Knights of St. Andrew invite members to bring their family and guests to the 4th 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 on **Monday, July 4th at 6 pm** in the west parking lot of the Cathedral. This year we will show the movie, "*Yankee Doodle Dandy*" in the Auditorium at 7 pm prior to the fireworks. Fireworks will then begin at 9 pm. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a front row seat at one of the best fireworks viewing locations in Indianapolis.



Speaking of the 4th . . .

The **Scottish Rite Library** is a lending library with many books of interest. Included in our collection are many topics. If you would like to know more about the American Flag, the library has some articles on how the flag evolved, the story of the Pledge of Allegiance, Proper Display of the Flag, and the *Pledge of Allegiance* by Red Skelton.

Stop by and see Jim Granneman, our faithful and resourceful librarian.

Victory Field Baseball Game



Once again, the summer months remind us of Baseball. This year is no exception. The Family Life Committee is sponsoring Scottish Rite Day at Victory Field on **Sunday, July 10th for a 2 pm game**. Gates will open at 12:30 pm and the Indians taking on the Durham Bulls, who are the farm team for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Cost for this family afternoon of fun is just \$5 per person. Children under 12 are FREE! Call the Valley Ticket Office at 262-3120.

Only 200 tickets are available -- reserve now.

August Comedic Musical

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- Council of Deliberation, June 23 - 25, Evansville.
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Through the Cathedral Window

A Tangible Active Expression

by Jerry B Collins, 33°
Editor

It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Picture, if you will, units of the 500 Festival Parade marching by our magnificent Scottish Rite Cathedral as nine uniformed young men carrying the American flag and flags representing every branch of our armed forces come into view. The crowd grows silent and then stand as one as if the Supreme Architect gently tugged their marionette strings all at once. As they pass, hands that were placed over a heart now join in spontaneous applause as a grateful community salutes the Honor Guard that symbolizes those who have sacrificed and served their nation proudly.

As a Vietnam-era veteran I can't help but reflect on the difference in the respect and support our troops receive today. Thank goodness. Although the reason for our country's engagement then in Vietnam and now in the Middle East is to spread freedom to all peoples, it is puzzling to me why public sentiment was so negative in the 60's and 70's.

A few weeks ago our lodge invited a 20-year old Marine to speak to our members. It was a Master Mason degree night and our lodge's 153rd birthday, so we had a big crowd. Standing proudly in his dress blues, Will Mohr told a simple story of his enlistment, assignment, and return from Iraq. Initially assigned to 'some really boring duty', Will volunteered to be transferred to the city of Fallujah -- a city that had seen some of the bloodiest resistance of the past two years. During the next 45 minutes, Will's personal narrative colored by some digital photography revealed the pride of serving his country with honor and bringing his reality home to his hometown of Indianapolis.

After a few questions, Will thanked the lodge for *his* chance to tell his story. It seems that he has been speaking to a few

classrooms at his old high school, and those kids listened with as much attention as we did. After he had stepped away from the podium, we were asked to stand -- if we had served our country -- and state our branch of service and where we were stationed. I was almost shocked as brother after brother after brother stood proudly and recited his service. I had no idea that as many of my lodge brothers had served their country at one time or another. It would be an understatement to say it was a very moving experience.

A common refrain heard and seen throughout the land is one that heralds our men and women serving overseas: "Support Our Troops". I have often wondered how we can turn that verbal thought of good will into a tangible active expression of our hopes for these young people who have left their families for unknown destinations with no known date or guarantee of return. One question that was asked that evening: What can *we* do? Will simply replied that contrary to news media reports, his experience was that our troops had everything they needed but could really use baby wipes (because of the sand and infrequent showers), batteries (for CD players and small video games), 'junk' food, and canned food that could be eaten cold (like ravioli in the micro cups). Make yourself a note right now:

Support our troops -- Send a CARE package.

We have another chance to support our Patriot heroes -- not only our soldiers across the seas, but our 'soldiers' here at home doing the jobs that put them in harm's way. Speak to a veteran, a reservist, a paramedic, or a policemen about becoming a Mason because this November our Valley will waive the initiation fee for becoming a Scottish Rite Mason. Support our troops by taking a definitive step crossing the threshold of our door to reach out to the world.

Remember, it all starts at the door of a lodge.



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