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61st Bean Supper Friday, Sept 9th

The Annual Bean Supper will be held in the banquet hall on Friday, September 9th. Dinner will begin at 7 pm with the traditional meal followed by our speaker, Derek Daly. As a Champion Race Car driver Derek Daly's career has spanned 30 years which includes six Indy 500 starts, 49 Grand Prix starts and a 10-year association with ESPN as a motor sports color analyst.

In recent years we added some recognition that has made the evening rather long. This year we are keeping it simple: Great Beans and a Great Speaker.

Bring your "Master Mason" friends and a food can for Gleaner's Food Pantry and enjoy a great Masonic evening with this world-renowned motor sports champion and broadcaster. What better way is there than to kick-off the Fall season of Valley activities down at the Rite. *Free to members and their guests. Make reservations with the post card found inside.*



How to Build a Membership

Life Membership 101

by Jeff Saunders, 33°

Life membership programs are now a part of the workings of nearly every Masonic organization. Some offer plans based solely on age, others combine years of membership and still others have a flat rate for anyone to become a life member. The Scottish Rite plan is based upon the rather morbid sounding "experience table of mortality" used in the life insurance industry.

But let me suggest a way for you to become a life member of Indianapolis Valley without any payment. Make a commitment to get 10 new petitions for the November Patriot Class. I am sure you know someone who is either currently serving in the armed forces, or is a veteran or an active, retired or reserve law enforcement officer who would make a good member of Indianapolis Valley. Elsewhere in this issue is information regarding this class and information that the Valley will pay the initiation fee for any qualifying candidate. So, not only is it free to the candidate, just 10 petitions gets you a free life membership.

The "3/10" program has been in place for a number of years and several brethren have either had their dues paid for the following year for 3 petitions or received a life membership for 10. While the award applies to the total petitions you sign for candidates receiving degrees in the Fall and Spring Classes, the Patriot Class provides a great opportunity to win this award with one class, while honoring our Patriots in a class that begins on Veterans Day.



The West Side Entrance Project is now completed and open for your use. A plaque recognizing donors will be installed in the vestibule. If you wish to have your name added to this list of donors, please mail your contribution of \$500 or more to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation by September 15th, 2005.



Make 2006 the last dues statement you will receive while becoming a life member of the largest Scottish Rite Valley. You will benefit, your candidates will benefit and Scottish Rite will continue to grow stronger.

Jeffrey K. Saunders
Executive Director

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Theatre of Performing Arts

Fall Off to a 'Roaring' Start

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

The fall theater got off to a roaring start with *Roar of the Greasepaint, Smell of the Crowd* which closed on August 20th. It was a great musical enjoyed by everyone.

With the close of *Greasepaint*, we are hard at work preparing for the opening of *Arsenic and Old Lace* on September 15th. This show is being directed by Ty Stover. Ty, an Indianapolis native, spent his time acting and directing on and off Broadway and elsewhere across this great country of ours. Ty brings great vision to our stage, and he has melded together a cast of some of Indianapolis' finest performers. Not to over use the cliché, but this will be a 'must see'.

The performances of September 17th at 7:30 and September 18th at 2 pm will be free to the membership. This is our small way of saying "thank you" for your love and support.

Arsenic and Old Lace will run through October 1st with all performances being discounted to members at a price of \$15 per ticket. Make sure you catch this funny comedy.

The fall theater season will be extremely busy with the "Patriot Class" convocation on November 11th and 12th which honor all those serving that we may be safe and free, and don't miss the *Kingsmen Quartet Gospel Concert* on November 19th.

Our next theatrical production will be the Christmas favorite: *Miracle on 34th Street*. This is the stage version of the wonderful movie about Santa and the miracle of believing when we can't necessarily see or touch it. This is a Christmas classic which the entire family will enjoy.

We will be very busy, but we are having fun. The dream of the Scottish Rite Cathedral utilizing its beautiful theater for the enjoyment of all is in full bloom. Please join us for these wonderful fall events. Be sure to read through your calendar book to discover all of these upcoming events.



Saturday Building Tours Offered

Ill Robert E Kuester, 33°, Chairman of the Tour Committee has announced that the Cathedral will be open for tours on the 3rd Saturday of every month beginning in September. This will be on a trial basis to determine interest, but many members have expressed a desire to tour the Cathedral and bring their family and friends, but are unable to do so during the week. Tour Guides will be available from 10 am to 2 pm on those Saturdays for our members and visitors.

*The Committee is always looking for more assistance.
 If you are interested in becoming a Tour Guide,
 please contact the Valley office at 317-262-3100.*

Back to Basics

by *Dr E Drew Carrel, 33°*

The Body, Mind, Spirit Connection. Exercise may make you smarter. Exercise may sharpen your ability to process information, consequently you will have enhanced learning capabilities. In particular, the left brain, which is responsible for logical reasoning and verbal and numerical skills, may become more efficient as a result of physical exercise.

GRC Club & Don Reynolds Donate



The members of George Rogers Clark Scottish Rite Club made their annual contribution to the Learning Center this spring of \$1000 qualifying them for a silver bear on the Bear Den plaque. Shown (l to r): Howard King; Joe Hobble; Jim Slack; Jeff Saunders, Valley Executive Director; Ray Beets; and Karney Thomas.

Mark Dill, Director of Major Gifts for the Indianapolis Valley presents a Certificate of Membership to the New Century Society to Brother Don R Reynolds, II who joined the Valley in March 2003. At age 42, Brother Don wanted to memorialize his intentions to gift the Valley through his estate. Don stated, "The Scottish Rite Masons of today are responsible for the maintenance and care of this building and passing it on to the next generation. I hope others will join me in guaranteeing the future of our Cathedral by including the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation in their estate planning."



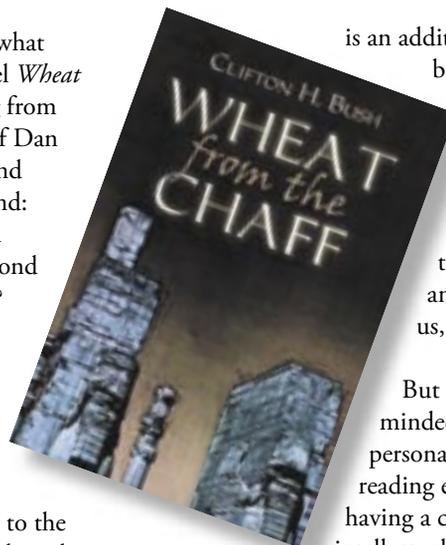
Sequel to *The Third Prophecy*

Valley Member Writes Mystery Thriller

reviewed by Ken Fallis, 32°

A thinking person's *Da Vinci Code* is what Clifton J Bush has produced in his second novel *Wheat from the Chaff*. In place of the frenetic running from place to place and interminable false climaxes of Dan Brown's best seller, Bush's book thoughtfully and deeply explores the greatest mysteries of mankind: Who really created us? Are visions real? Are all religions hoaxes? How about UFO's? Is the Second Coming near, and how will it be accomplished?

The author uses his extensive knowledge of places and institutions, including the Indianapolis Scottish Rite (of which he is a long-time member) to ground his tale in credibility which makes the ultimate accomplishment of the Book of Revelation acceptable to the reader. Bush's inclusion of Masons again providing the leadership to lead the nation and the world out of Armageddon



is an additional delight for all who proudly have been given further light.

The author also has created characters we care about who have the wisdom to examine the forces which are altering their world; but still exhibit their human emotions of love, loyalty, and survival and the world they, and all of us, have known is transformed.

But be aware, one must have an open-minded and the willingness to accept the personal change which will result from this reading experience. One also is best served by having a complete day to explore this exciting and intellectually stimulating story, because it is wrenching to have to put it down.

Memorial & Honor Gifts 5/1 - 7/31

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In memory of Dr. Kenneth Hill

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Dennis Sheets

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Mr. & Mrs. Phil Kappes

In memory of Jess C. Inckenrock

Charles F. Butler

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Price

Leadership 2005 Reception Guests

In honor of Mac & Linda Maguire's Wedding

Dennis Sheets
Marvin & Judith Taylor

Personal Memorials and Tributes

One of the finest gifts or tributes we can give is one that honors another brother who has passed in to the loving hands of the Grand Architect. Last year the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation received over \$11,000 in gifts of this sort. Ill Rex Fleenor 33° said to me this summer "I always like to send a check so the family knows their loved one was an important person to me." These donations are contributions to the Foundation which help us continue our effort to preserve the history and heritage of our beautiful Cathedral.

Other options to consider in helping support our Cathedral are the following:

•**The New Century Society** Membership in this society can be achieved by creating a provision in your estate plan to benefit the Cathedral through trusts, insurance, real estate, annuities, or through a bequest in your will.

•**The Acacia Society** Sponsoring a tree on the Cathedral grounds constitutes membership in this society and entitles you to name a memorial for an person or organization.

Campaign for the Cathedral

•**The Baxter Bells Society**

This society ensures the perpetual maintenance of the Cathedral Carillon. You may sponsor a specific bell and create an honorarium to a particular individual.

•**The Bear Den** This is the endowment campaign for our 32° Masonic Learning Center. It is another option for you to consider as a way to memorialize a loved one.

These are all meaningful ideas you might consider in paying respect to a departed brother. Please call me at 317-262-3123.



Mark Dill
Director of Major
Gifts

32° Masonic Learning Center for Children

3 Ways to Support the Center



“The Kingsmen Quartet”

America’s famed “Kingsmen Quartet” is no stranger to southern gospel music, having amassed nearly 75 combined years of musical service. Every member is a gifted singer or musician who excels at his craft, striving for excellence. Join us for an outstanding evening of gospel music as the “Kingsmen Quartet” performs at the beautiful Scottish Rite Center for the Performing Arts in Indianapolis.



The 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children located on the lower level of the Cathedral, is in its seventh year of service to dyslexic children. The learning center, made possible by the Indianapolis Valley and the Supreme Council, provides free assistance to all children having this learning disability between the ages of 6 and 18.

Join us on **Saturday, November 19th at 7:30 pm.** Tickets are \$20 Public Admission and \$10 Scottish Rite Members & Family - Children 12 & Under are free. Dinner is available for purchase in the Double Eagle Café from 5 – 7 pm. You may order tickets by calling 1-317-262-3120 or 1-800-489-3579, or on line at: www.indy-aasr.org

All proceeds benefit the 32nd Degree Learning Center for Dyslexic Children.

For more information, please feel free to call Martha Robinson, Site Director at the 32° Masonic Learning Center at (317) 262-3115. Contributions to the Center help us train tutors and can be made to the Valley Office.

Join us on **Thursday, Sept 8th at 11 am for the 7th Annual Golf Outing** benefiting the 32° Learning Centers for Children. This year's event is again being played at The Fort Golf Course at Ft Harrison on the Northeast side of Indianapolis. The driving range opens at 11 am with lunch to precede the shotgun start. Dinner and awards follow a fun-filled day. Registration deadline is Aug 31st.



Your registration fee includes lunch, driving range, 3 drink tickets during play, greens fees, cart, golf bag, dinner and prizes.

Deadline for registration is August 31, 2005

Hole Sponsor	\$200
Foursome	\$500
Foursome & Hole Sponsor	\$700
Single Golfer	\$140

- Register our foursome
- Register our foursome, and our company will sponsor a hole.
- Our company will sponsor a hole.
- Register me as a single golfer.
- Our company will donate a door prize item.

Contact: _____
 Company: _____
 Address: _____
 City/ST/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Please detach and return with check payable to:
 IREM Chapter 24
 PO, Box 90403
 Indianapolis, IN 46290

Registration Form

Enclosed is my registration fee of \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for under 12 years of age.

Participants who register prior to the event will receive a commemorative t-shirt at registration. Please circle what size you would like: S M L XL

- I plan to participate in the Walk.
- I cannot attend, but enclosed is my donation of \$ _____.
- I would like to volunteer the day of the walk. Please contact me at the phone/email below.

Name (please print)

Address

City/State/Zip

Home Phone

Email

Work/Cell Phone

Emergency Contact and Number

Please make checks payable to "CLC Dyslexia Walk" and mail your registration form to:

The Indianapolis Walk To Help Dyslexic Children

Scottish Rite Cathedral
Attn: Donna Cofer
650 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Participant Liability Agreement:

Please enter me in the "Walk to help Children with Dyslexia." I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators hereby release the 32nd Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc., from any and all claims, damages, and rights of action I may have, present or future that may arise out of, or be incident to, my participation in the Walk event. In addition, I grant permission for the use of my name and/or picture in any photograph, film or videotape of the event for any purpose.

Signature (Parent or guardian if under 18 years old)

This agreement must be signed for the registration to be valid.

Hosted by 32nd Masonic
Learning Centers for Children, Inc.



TO HELP
CHILDREN
WITH DYSLEXIA

The Annual Indianapolis Walk To Help Dyslexic Children

Course: 3K-5K thru the downtown Canal Walk.

When: Sunday, October 9th

Time: 1:00

Location: Begins at Scottish Rite Cathedral

For more info:

Call Donna Cofer, 317-262-3100, ext. 228

This October, we're walking to raise money to help children with dyslexia learn to read and write. Dyslexia can't be cured, but it can be overcome. The program offered at the 32nd Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. offers the most effective treatment of its kind in battling this disorder. No one else in the nation has a program remotely like it with one-on-one professional tutoring offered to children free of charge.

And we need your help.

Walk to Help Children With Dyslexia

Walk to Help Children With Dyslexia

A Humorous Look Into Our Past

Nothing 'Scottish' About the Rite

by Chris Hodapp, 32°

There is nothing 'Scottish' about the Scottish Rite. Oh, sure, Freemasonry can be traced, at least in part, to the Templar Knights who, having fled from France in 1307, found refuge in Scotland and, yes, the 25 original degrees of the Rite of Perfection were developed by Scottish "Jacobites," supporters of the Royal House of Stewart/Stuart, living as exiles in France in 1758;

And, yes, the message of the 16th Degree of the Scottish Rite is derived from the only text that is carved into the stone of Scotland's Rosslyn Chapel, erected in the 15th Century by the St. Clair/Sinclair family, who were related to Jacques DeMolay, and who served as the hereditary Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Scotland until 1736;

And, yes, there are representations of the thistle, the national symbol of Scotland, and the rose, the insignia of the Royal House of Stewart/Stuart, carved in stone over the south entrance to the Scottish Rite Cathedral;

And, yes, the Scottish Rite Cathedral is decorated throughout with the Stewart/Stuart Rose in the carpeting, woodwork and stained glass windows;

And, yes, when I was made a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, or



32nd Degree Mason, the presiding officer tapped my shoulders with a five foot long Scottish Claymore;

And, yes, as the 32nd Degree was concluded, my attention was directed to a bagpiper in full Scottish regalia, backlit and shrouded in a highland mist, and playing Amazing Grace in the upper gallery of our Valley's auditorium;

And, yes, upon having been a member for five years, a 32nd Degree Mason may become eligible for nomination as a member the Royal Order of Scotland;

And, yes, according to legend, Robert the Bruce, the King of the Scots, founded the Royal Order of Scotland, to honor Templar Knights who assisted him in defeating the English at the Battle of Bannockburn, which was fought on the Feast of St. John in 1314;

And, yes, the feeder organization for the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite is called "The Knights of St. Andrew" and, yes, Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland and, yes, the national flag of Scotland bears a St. Andrew's Cross and, yes, the insignia of the Knights of St. Andrew, likewise, bears a St. Andrew's Cross and, yes, the Knights of St. Andrew have chosen to represent themselves with the official tartan of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and/or the Black Watch, and/or "The Universal Masonic Tartan";

But, there is nothing 'Scottish' about the Scottish Rite.

Purcell Attains New Membership Position

Ill Richard D Purcell, 33° has been appointed to the newly created position of Director of Membership Services on the staff of the Valley. Rick is moving to this position after a very successful 4-1/2 years with the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation. He will work with the Chairman of the Membership Development Committee in the areas of recruitment and retention and assist the various district, county and lodge chairmen in their efforts. This is a key position that will help

Indianapolis Valley retain its position of leadership in membership throughout the jurisdiction. A former Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, Rick is available for Lodge programs on the Scottish Rite. *If you have questions on our recruitment or retention, please feel free to contact Rick. He may be reached at (317)262-3100, ext. 244, or at rpurcell@aasr-indy.org.*

A Word With You 

What's in Your Bank Account?

*by Carl E Culmann, 33°
Past Most Wise Master
Indianapolis Chapter Rose Croix*

What do you consider to be the most important item in your life? Is it your bank account? Could it be your house or the community in which you live? How about your health?



I can think of many things I consider essential, but the youth of today would have to top the list. When you

think about it, everything we cherish and hold dear will eventually be entrusted to our youth. In a few short years, they will run our businesses, our communities and our country. We have a very small window to influence them and help develop their base principles. Also, the



type of friends they associate with, or in their words, "hang with" will have a huge effect on the type of person they will become.

You have the opportunity to empower these young people with the teachings and principles of our Masonic organizations through our three youth groups: DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls.

It seems like every day you hear of the teenager who committed suicide, or the "good kid" who committed a hideous crime. Never are they active in a group like ours. I often wonder if the

killings at Columbine High School would have occurred if those young men had belonged to DeMolay, where they learn about "love of parents and country" and the conviction of comradeship and patriotism! We need to reach out to these "good kids" and help them now!

So how important are the youth you come in contact with every day? A son or daughter, niece or nephew, a neighborhood boy or girl? Are they worth helping? You bet they are! It takes very little effort on your part to introduce a young man or young woman to one of our youth groups. Just by visiting the Masonic Web Site : www.tryfreemasonry.com and going to the Masonic Youth Groups link, you have access to these fine organizations. You may also e-mail me at cculmann@mibor.net. If you don't have



access to a computer, call the Grand Lodge at 317-634-7904 for further information.

Dad Frank Land, the founder of DeMolay once said "A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of (a boy) our youth.

You have the chance to be important in the life of each young boy or girl. Don't let this opportunity slip by. Remember, we only have a small window to help! And who knows, some day that little boy or girl just might reside in the White House!

Order your Personalized 32° Name Badge



\$5 from each sale will go to support the 32nd Degree Learning Center

\$20

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Why Should you Invite a Brother to Membership?

...Because You Know Him

by Tom Fallis, 33°
Valley Membership Chairman

I once was asked why I joined the Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, and it got me to thinking. Sure the Valley offers entertainment opportunities too numerous to mention and a second to none Cathedral, but that still wasn't it. It allows a Brother to get involved with various committees within the Valley and build fraternal relations and fellowship with upright and moral men. True, but that is still not it. Truth be told, it was because I knew someone who was a member, and if it was good enough for them, then it was good enough for me.

This fall, we are offering two opportunities to join Freemasonry by taking advantage of our **Grand Master's Classes in October**. They will be held in Indianapolis on two weekends: On Saturday, October 22nd Calvin Prather Lodge (Northside Indianapolis) will host candidates beginning at 8 am. Then on Saturday, October 29th Ancient Landmarks Lodge (Grand Lodge building) will

host and begin their degrees at 8 am. All three degrees will be performed on each day. Donuts, coffee, and lunch will be included.

This will be a great time to bring in those men whose time is not always their own and who have trouble fitting things into tight schedules. Additionally, these two weekends precede the Fall Convocation/ Reunion, so you can sign these men up for the Scottish Rite Patriot Class after they are raised.

Why should you join the Scottish Rite? Because I'm sure you know someone who is a member. With a membership of over 15,000 men, the odds are that you do know someone. If you don't, then please accept my personal invitation to join. It would be an honor to call you Brother and be united with you in this great and good work that we call Scottish Rite Freemasonry. *For more information or to register a candidate call Rick Purcell at 317-262-3122.*



The Patriot Class November 11 & 12, 2005



Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines a "Patriot" as: "one who loves his country and zealously supports its authority and interests." We here at the Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, have expanded this definition to include those who have served their country or community. "The Patriot Class" which is open to all Master Masons will be held in conjunction with our Fall Convocation and Reunion on November 11th and 12th, 2005. For those who qualify, the Valley will pay your initiation fee!

If you are a retired, honorably discharged, or active member of the Military, Guard or Reserves; an active, retired, or reserve Law Enforcement Officer; an active, retired or volunteer Firefighter or EMS, the Valley would like to honor YOU!



For more information contact Rick Purcell,
(317) 262-3122
(800) 489-3579 ext. 244
rpurcell@asr-indy.org

23rd Degree will be Exemplified on Nov 12th

The Four Chaplains: Ideal of Brotherhood

*as compiled by Steven K Robison, PM
Jackson Lodge #146*

During WW II, four Chaplains of different faiths gave their life jackets to soldiers from the torpedoed troop ship, SS Dorchester, and in doing so, knowingly sacrificed their own lives.

- Lt George Lansing Fox - Protestant
- Lt Alexander David Goode - Rabbi
- Lt Clark V Poling - Protestant, Dutch Reformed
- Lt John P Washington - Roman Catholic Priest

This is their story: At 12:55 am on Wednesday, February 3, 1943, the SS Dorchester, an aging converted troop transport crammed full of soldiers headed to the European fields of battle, was hit by a torpedo from a German submarine. The Dorchester took on water rapidly and began listing to the starboard. Due to the fact no distress flares were sent up into the night sky, the escort vessels pushed on into the darkness, unaware the Dorchester was sinking. Overcrowded lifeboats capsized and rafts drifted away before they could be reached.

The testimony of survivors tells us that the sole order in that ferment of struggling men, some in just their underwear, came from the Four Chaplains.

Calmly, they guided men into their boat stations. When all the life jackets were handed out, one of the



survivors recalled, the Four Chaplains took theirs off and gave them away. Looking back, as he swam away from the ship, Second Engineer Grady Clark, saw the Chaplains standing, their arms together as they braced against the railing and leaned into each other for support. Said one of the survivors, "It was the finest thing I have ever seen this side of heaven." They were praying. Other men drew close. There were no more outcries,

no panic, just words of prayer, in Latin, Hebrew and English, addressed to the same God.

The stern then came high out of the water and the Dorchester slid down beneath the sea. Of the 904 men aboard the Dorchester, 605 were lost. Those who are alive today will never forget the Chaplains' heroism. By vote of the US Congress on January 18, 1961, a special Medal of Heroism was posthumously awarded to the Four Chaplains and given to members of their families. The 3rd of February became the Four Chaplains Observance Day.

This is the ideal of Brotherhood. This is what we all want in the world. This is what the Four Chaplains gave us.

Brother George Lansing Fox, one of the Four Chaplains belonged to the Masonic Fraternity. He was raised a Master Mason on October 4, 1939 as a member of Moose River Lodge # 82, Concord, Vermont.



Abbott Scholarships Awarded to 22

The Supreme Council has once again contributed \$12,500 in college scholarships as part of the Abbott Scholarship program.

Matching funds from the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis Foundation, Inc brings the total to \$25,000 in awards. Scholarships are available to immediate family members of Indianapolis Valley members who are entering their Junior or Senior year of college.

- Kristen Baker - Purdue University
- Amanda Banet - Purdue University
- John Basham - Indiana University
- Ryan Brattain - Indiana University
- Megan Brown - Ball State University
- William Brown - DePauw University
- Adam Culbreth - Ball State University
- Holly Essex - Franklin College
- Kathryn Hackler - U of Evansville
- Baron Hall - IUPUI
- Nicholas Hesler - Indiana State Univ
- Melissa Livengood - Purdue University

- Sara Marshall - Purdue University
- Adam Pruden - Ball State University
- Benjamin Pruden - Purdue University
- David Simons - DePauw University
- Amber Stephens - Ball State University
- Lindsey Stickams - Purdue University
- David Syrus - IUPUI
- Daniel Syrus - Purdue University
- Benjamin Vosmek - Rose-Hulman Inst
- Molly Wood - Butler University



Indiana History

Once Upon a Line: Mason-Dixon

by *Bill Richter, 33°*
Past Most Wise Master

We all have an intuitive sense that “The Mason-Dixon Line.” is the demarcation line between the North and South in the years leading up to, during, and following the Civil War. But what specifically was/is the Mason-Dixon line? Why that name? Does “Mason” have anything to do with Freemasonry? The answers lie within some very interesting history.

The original term was “Mason and Dixon’s Line” and was the name given the boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania 13 years before the Revolutionary War. The organized beginnings of all the American colonies were made by companies or proprietors to whom the Crown had granted charters. Pennsylvania’s charter was granted to William Penn as proprietary in 1681. Maryland’s was granted to Lord Baltimore in 1632.



Charles II had granted William Penn about 50,000 square miles between New York and Maryland in payment for a debt which the King had owed Penn’s father, then dead. However, some of the borders were ill-defined (at best) and remained so for years. Because maps of the time were not very accurate, the Baltimores and the Penns both claimed the same strip of land on the Maryland-Pennsylvania border. Moreover, the Baltimores and Penns both claimed the right to collect rent and tax money from the settlers who lived along that border.

Finally, in 1760 after 80 years of arguing, the sixth Lord Baltimore and Thomas and Richard Penn, who had inherited Pennsylvania from their father, agreed (on paper) where the border should run. They also agreed to have the border line surveyed and marked exactly.

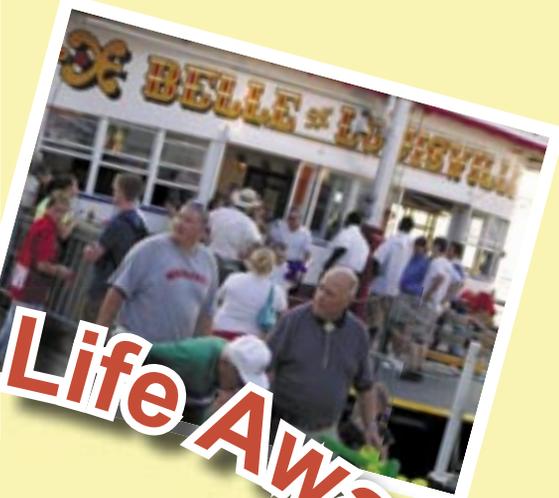
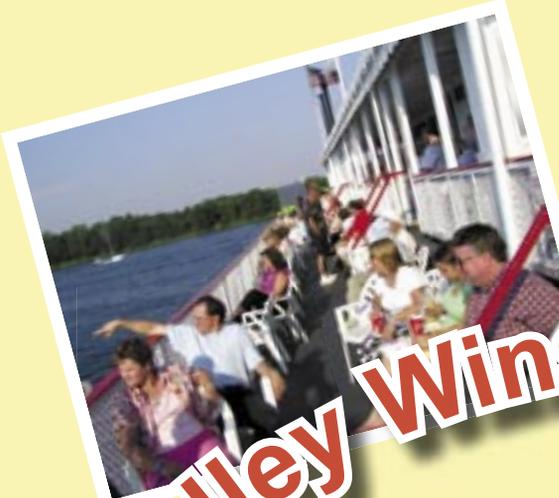
In the summer of 1763 Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon - two Englishmen, skilled astronomers and mathematicians who were also willing to work in the American wilderness - were hired to determine the boundaries of Maryland and Pennsylvania. It should also be noted here that what is now the state of Delaware was then a part of Pennsylvania known as the Three Lower Counties. Their first year of surveying (1764) was spent laying out the north-south line that now divides Maryland and Delaware.

The years 1765-1767 were devoted to the establishment of the “western line” which is Pennsylvania’s long south borderline with Maryland. Although their field work was completed in December of 1767, they were then charged to “draw a map or plan of the lines.” Finally in September, 1768, after two hundred copies of the Plans of the Lines were printed, Mason and Dixon were discharged and returned to England.

So much for the original and authentic Mason-Dixon Line. The imaginary or mythical Mason-Dixon Line was the name popularly given to the extension of the original line that followed the Ohio River to Missouri and thence along the southern part of Missouri and then west. “Dixie,” a generic name for the South, may have come from “Dixon’s Line” - although no one knows for sure. For Scottish Rite Masons, the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction is defined as the 15 states east of the Mississippi River and north of the Mason-Dixon Line.



All decked out in his red, white, & blue patriotic shirt, Valley Organist and Carillonneur Fred Kortepeter always invites his friends and members of his church to the annual 4th of July BBQ at the Cathedral. Seated are Joan Malik and Jon Atkins. Standing with Fred is Jayne Thrasher.



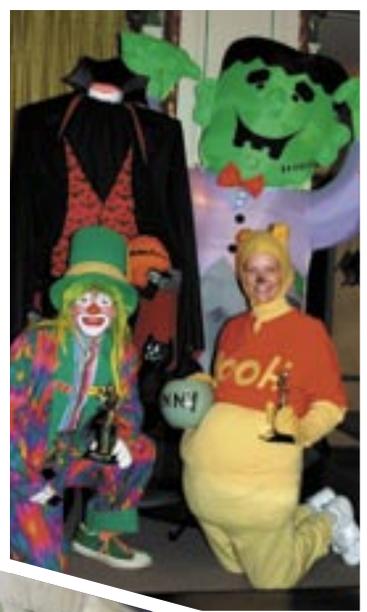
Valley Wins Family Life Award



Indianapolis Valley has been awarded the "Best Overall" Family Life program for calendar year 2004 for Valleys over 5,000 members. Family Life Committee Chairman and officer in the Saraiah Council Princes of Jerusalem, Thomas B Beattie, Sr, was awarded a plaque at the Indiana Council of Deliberation held in Evansville in June, denoting this honor.

The announcement by the Supreme Council recognized the Valley's programs as part of the overall theme, "Family: Adventures of a Lifetime." Programs recognized included childrens' programs such as the Halloween and Christmas Parties, family events like the 500 parade, 4th of July Fireworks Party, and Family Movie Nights along with outings to the Indianapolis Indians baseball game and the Masonic Fellowship Day aboard the *Belle of Louisville*.

Congratulations to the Family Life Committee and the Presiding Officers for recognition of these outstanding events.



Best Overall 2004

'Round the Rite

Four Receive MSA

At the Indiana Council of Deliberation in June, four distinguished members of the Valley of Indianapolis were elected to receive the highest honor accorded by that body, the Meritorious Service Award. Each will received his Red Hat and Jewel during a special recognition dinner on October 5th at the Cathedral that is open to members and their spouses only.



Jacob Jack Brandman is a 41 year member of the Valley and served for nearly nine years on the Tiler's Committee. He is a 50-year member of Jubilee Lodge #746.

Nicholas J. A. Gray lives in Anderson and has been a longtime membership development worker, serving as Chairman of Lapel Lodge committee and currently as the Vice Chairman of District 2. A 23-year member of the Valley, he has top-line signed 26 petitions during his work in membership.

Andrew R. Jackson is Chairman of the Valley Make-up Committee. Andy is a Past Master and is active with the Grand Lodge Marketing Committee and currently serves as Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.

Robert E. LaGrange is a member of the Chorus and sings in the Scottish Rite Quartet. He has also been a soloist in several degrees. A member of Greenwood Lodge # 514, Bob joined the Valley in the Spring Class of 1991. *Congratulations to all!*

Jeff Karnes Honored

Newly installed Venerable Master Dale Wheatley presented the 1st Past Venerable Master of



the Knights of St Andrew at Indianapolis, Jeffrey Karnes, with a personalized Scottish Claymore sword. VM Wheatley praised Brother Karnes' vision, direction and leadership in founding the Knights of St Andrew in Indianapolis and developing the group's robustness in the Valley's activities today.

The Knights of St. Andrew is a 32° Masonic service group who serve the Valley in various capacities, including hosting events, providing support to committees, the dramatic department, valley officers, and promoting and supporting our charities. The group takes its name from the 29th degree and members base their guiding principles on its lessons. Meetings are held at 7 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Membership is limited to 32° degree members of the Indianapolis Valley.

For more information about membership in the chapter, visit our website at www.mastermason.org/indyksa or contact the Valley Office.

Valley Launches New Ticket Website

Indianapolis Valley has implemented a new and improved way to purchase tickets for all performances in the Scottish Rite Center for the Performing Arts and other events.

Members as well as the general public may access show information by going to www.ScottishRiteEvents.com. While the Valley ticket office will remain open during the hours of 8:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday, many people find the convenience of ordering on-line appealing. All website orders may be paid with a VISA or MasterCard and are subject to a \$2 per ticket surcharge.

Discounted member tickets may be ordered through the site by checking the *member* box. All tickets will be held at the ticket office for pick-up and you must present your dues card at the "will call" window for the discounted price. For the Fall presentation of *Arsenic and Old Lace*, Saturday, September 17th and Sunday, September 18th have been set aside as free performances for members. These complimentary tickets must be obtained by calling the ticket office during normal business hours.

Coming "Rite" Up

Ladies Luncheons

The Executive Committee has announced the individual dates and programs for the Ladies' Luncheon for 2005-06. The ladies program committee has arranged four outstanding programs for the luncheons and will be hosted by Theresa Schutz, wife of Thrice Potent Master, S Randal Schutz. Luncheons will be held in the South Lounge of the Cathedral.

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

Why Johnny Can Read: How the Indianapolis 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center is Turning Kids Into Readers and Happy Successful Students. Martha Robinson, Learning Center Director will share about the program taking place in our Cathedral and, with the help of a student and mother, tell about how it has positively and permanently changed their lives.



Saturday, December 3, 2005



The Castlewood Chamber Singers will perform a holiday concert. This mixed singing ensemble presents 18 voices and focuses on classical songs leaning heavily toward acapella repertoire. They have recently toured Germany, Scotland, and England and performed in Carnegie Hall in 1996.

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Wild About Flower and Nature will feature Reta Rutledge, retired librarian and president of the board of the Central Indiana Land Trust. Ms Rutledge will show pictures of beautiful wild flowers of Indiana and share how her organization is preserving natural areas of Indiana.



Tuesday, April 18, 2006

Sugar and Spice Fashion Show. The popular Sugar and Spice Women's Apparel Shop will return to the Cathedral using the ladies of the Scottish Rite as models.



All Tuesday luncheons will begin at 12:15 with the December program on Saturday beginning at 12 noon. *Please call the Scottish Rite office for your season tickets for all four luncheons for \$50. Individual tickets may be purchased for \$15 per luncheon.*



Arsenic and Old Lace

Sept 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 & Oct 1 -- 7:30 pm
Sept 18, 25 -- 2 pm Matinee

We meet the charming and innocent ladies who populate their cellar with the remains of socially and religiously "acceptable" roomers; the antics of their nephews, "Teddy" who is firmly convinced that he is in fact Teddy Roosevelt; and Mortimer, a manic, "type A personality" theatre critic who just happens to be engaged to the minister's daughter next door. Family "Skeletons" not only turn up in the closets but on the front doorstep along with the occasional visit from the cops on the beat. Need we say more? – Other than to say that this is a don't miss comedy. Written by Joseph Kesselring; the play will be directed by Ty Stover. Ty, a former New York City director/playwright/performer and a born and bred Hoosier has now come home to plant his roots.

All seats reserved – Members and their Guests \$15; General Public \$22. Dinner available in the Double Eagle Café prior to evening shows from 5 -7 pm. As a benefit of membership, current Valley members may obtain FREE reserved seats (limit 6) on Saturday, September 17th and Sunday, September 18th. *Call the Valley office for this special offer.*

Halloween Party

The Annual Children's Halloween Party will be held in the Banquet Hall on **Sunday, October 30th, at 2 pm**. This fun filled event is great for the entire family. Carnival games, prizes, and plenty of treats for all of you ghosts and goblins will be available to entertain you. Dress as your favorite TV or cartoon character or as your scariest witch or goblin for the Costume Contest. Awards will be given out for the Best Costume in several categories. No tickets are required and is open to all members and their guests. *Be prepared for a scary good time!*



Through the Cathedral Window

Proof that God Has a Sense of Humor

by Jerry B Collins, 33°
Editor

There are many examples of God's unique sense of humor throughout the Bible, but I love the story of Jacob, Esau, Rebekah, and Laban in the Book of Genesis.

Let me summarize the characters and plot. We begin at *Genesis 25:19* - Isaac and Rebekah had two sons, Jacob and Esau. Jacob tricked Esau (the first born) into giving up his inheritance for a hearty meal, and then tricked his father Isaac, who was on his deathbed and thought he was talking to his eldest, into giving Jacob his blessing. Upon discovery, Jacob fled to his uncle Laban's ranch many miles away to escape Esau's promise of death.

The story continues in *Genesis 29:1* when Jacob arrives near Laban's fields at the water well where it is the custom of all ranchers to meet at the same time each day and water their flocks together. *"The stone on the well's mouth was large, and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well, and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the mouth of the well."* Water was a limited resource which probably explains why the well was capped and all should water equally together.

When Jacob arrives at the well, he immediately spies a "beautiful and graceful" shepherdess named Rachel, who happens to be his uncle's daughter. Now all of the flocks had not yet gathered, but Jacob wants to impress the girl and uncaps the well before all have gathered and waters her flock. He then boldly kisses her and she cries aloud after discovering that Jacob is her kin. She then runs to tell her uncle who welcomes Jacob with open arms.

Laban had another daughter named Leah. She was not attractive (her name means "cow"). Jacob falls in love and strikes a deal with Laban to win Rachel for his own by serving Laban for seven years. Laban tricks Jacob into marrying the older sister Leah and then promises Rebekah's hand in marriage if he will serve him yet another seven years. Jacob (whose name means "he deceives") is outraged that he has been deceived which is a perfect case of the pot calling the kettle black. Jacob sure can dish it out but can't take it very well. The intrigue of this story seems to be a modern day version of the TV show *Survivor* (outwit, outplay, and outlast).



Jacob's life can be summarized in four stages, each with a personal encounter with God. During his flight from Esau, God confirmed his blessing (*Genesis 28:10-15*); he then experiences life from the other side being deceived by Laban but waits for God's permission to leave; in the third stage (Chapter 32) he wrestles with God and won't let go realizing his dependence on Him; and finally (Chapter 35) he gets renamed by God (Israel -- which means "struggles with God") and matures into a person who is unwilling to make a move without God's approval.

The over arching theme to this wonderful story is that God is able to remain faithful to his promises even when at times people and events seem to interfere with God's achievement of the promises he has given.

Can you think of times when God made himself known to you? What difference have these experiences made in your life? Are you more like the young Jacob, forcing God to track you down in the desert of your own plans and mistakes? Perhaps our lives would be easier if we would "go with the flow" -- that is, place our desires and plans before God for his approval before taking any action on our own.

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