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## Patriots Initiated

Webster defines a patriot as "one who loves his country and zealously supports its authority and interests." The Indianapolis Valley recently expanded this definition to include not only servicemen, but also men who serve their community as firefighters, law enforcement officers, or emergency medical technicians, to offer them the chance to join the Scottish Rite by waiving the initiation fee.

Two hundred and six men said, "yes" and sent in their petitions to help represent one of the largest classes of the Indianapolis Valley in the last several years. The youngest Master Mason to join was 21 years old -- while the oldest was 84. The average age was 46 years.

Fifteen senior DeMolays took the degrees along with 13 past masters and 43 lodge officers. There was even a father / son combination. One hundred and seven men had been a Master Mason less than five years and half of those (53) were raised in 2005.

Representing all Patriots of the 2005 Class are these six brothers who served in the honor guard of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree and are shown from left to right: Chief Warrant Officer John Sohn, Major Rex Sohn, Midshipman Joe Anglin, Petty Officer Michael Fish, 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Jay Nawrocki. Seated is Ed Pierce, Deputy Chief, Indianapolis Fire Department, retired. John, Joe, Michael, and Jay were members of the 2005 Patriot Class.

## How to Build a Membership

# Membership Enthusiasm

What a great weekend it was during the Patriot Class Convocation and Reunion on November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. To see 176 new members receive their degrees, many in military uniform was indeed gratifying. The lessons of the Scottish Rite were performed in an outstanding fashion by officers, members of the cast and the technical crew and each of the candidates and returning members alike were inspired by the pageantry, music and enthusiasm of these two days. If you missed it, mark your calendar now to be present at the next Convocation on March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Perhaps just as rewarding was the excitement of many members in finally asking that long time prospect to join the Scottish Rite. One hundred different members signed petitions for this class recommending a Master Mason brother to receive the degrees. While over 25% of those top line signers were 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Masons or holders of the Meritorious Service Award, many were members who just became 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Masons in the last few classes. In the September issue of the Double Eagle, I talked about the "3/10" program where members could get their dues paid for a year with 3 petitions in a year or a life membership with 10 petitions. Even though we still have one more class this fiscal year, congratulations to **Mike Gillie**, of Calvin W Prather Lodge # 717, who qualified for a life membership with 15 petitions for the Patriot Class. Sixteen other brothers had at least three petitions and several are close to the 10 petition mark already.

With the success of this class, the Presiding Officers have announced that all qualified "Patriot" petitions will be eligible for the same financial incentives in the Spring 2006 Class to be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone should know a Master Mason brother who is 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 that should be a member of the Scottish Rite. See your Calendar of Events book for the schedule and the degrees to be conferred and commit to be part of this exciting weekend.

*Let's keep the membership excitement alive – see you with your prospective new members in March!*

*Jeffrey K. Saunders*  
Executive Director



*Jeff and Linda Saunders eavesdrop on their granddaughters' Christmas conversation with Santa Claus last month in the Banquet Hall following the Annual Kids' Christmas Party.*

## The Double Eagle

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### Theatre of Performing Arts

# 'River' & 'Dinner' Next Up



I hope everyone had a Happy and prosperous Holiday Season. The Theater certainly did in its first 10 months. We capped this great year with a wonderful Holiday show "A Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street". It certainly was a miracle show. I hope you had the chance to be one of the over 2,500 people who did. Again, Bob Harbin showed his directorial genius. We were very proud to be picked by the Indianapolis Star as one of the top three Holiday shows in Indianapolis.



11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. Come see these wonderful young men and women in their performance. The Theater will continue a run right into summer with "1776", a musical, and another musical "Dream Girls". We are very proud of the "Dream Girls"

production since it will be a co-production with The Madame Walker Theater. The show will run six performances at The Madam Walker, and another seven performances at our beautiful Theater.

Success like we have enjoyed comes because of the extraordinary efforts of dedicated individuals. It is impossible to thank everyone; however, I would like to mention a few who have made it possible: First

and foremost -- Bob Harbin -- without Bob it would not have happened at all. Brothers Charlie Bush, Earl Hauschild, Jay Hilgenberg, Larry Torrance, Lee Langlotz, Andy Taylor, Matt Boyer, Joe Smith, and Dale Wheatley are the glue that pulls a production together. A great big "THANKS" goes to each.

We open the New Year with several great productions, "Over the River and Through the Woods" which opens January 26<sup>th</sup>, and Carmel High School will be bringing us their production of "The Man Who Came to Dinner" on February 10<sup>th</sup>,

## 29<sup>th</sup> Degree Cast by Knights

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 29<sup>th</sup> degree and members base



their guiding principles on the lessons of that degree.

On Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Knights will present the 29<sup>th</sup> Degree immediately following the Stated Meeting at 7 pm. Come out and support these hard-working brothers as they to show you their namesake degree.

## Order your Personalized 32° or 33° Name Badge



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

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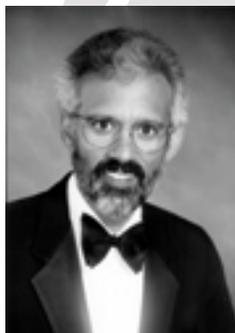
To Your Good Health

# Osteoporosis: The Silent Disease

by Dr Michael Econs, 33°

**Mason Jones: a case study**

“Mason Jones” was an active member of our fraternity, who always attended meetings and volunteered for duties whenever his lodge needed him. However, one day brother Scott noted that he had not been to the last 3 meetings and called his



house. His wife said that “Mason Jones” had slipped on the ice and broken his hip. He was soon to leave the rehabilitation hospital, but with her health problems she wasn't going to be able to take care of him and they were looking

for a nursing home that was close to their house so she could visit him.

### *Osteoporosis (bone thinning)*

The above scenario is entirely made up, but is a situation that is far too common in this country, where there are over 300,000 hip fractures every year. The majority of hip fractures result from a fall and most fractures are in people who have osteopenia or osteoporosis. In addition to hip fractures, which are the most devastating, people with osteoporosis also have vertebral (spine) and wrist fractures. The vertebral fractures can result in back pain and are often responsible for the “hump back” appearance of many older people.

Osteoporosis is a common disease in older individuals. In the US alone there are 10 million people with osteoporosis and nearly 19 million more with osteopenia, resulting in over 1.3 million fractures per year. Although it is 4 times more common in women, many men also have osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis, like high blood pressure, is a “silent” disease. You often

don't know that you have it until you break a bone. The pain comes from the fracture and/or deformity caused by the fracture. At any given age, the single most important predictor of fracture is low bone mineral density. For every 10% decrease in bone density the fracture risk doubles. In fact, our current definitions

of osteopenia and osteoporosis rely entirely on bone density measurements.

### *Why do we get osteoporosis?*

Two factors determine how much bone mass you end up with: how much bone you develop by age 25 (peak bone mass) and how much bone you lose as you age. In the absence of health or nutrition problems peak bone mass is mostly determined by genetics. Therefore, pick your parents wisely. The genetics of peak bone mass is a central focus of osteoporosis research at Indiana University, work that has been supported by the Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis for three decades. In fact, the understanding that peak bone mass is determined by genes was first established by IU investigators, supported by the Scottish Rite. Whether or not bone loss is affected by genes is something that we are actively working on now.

### Risk Factors For Osteoporosis:

- A. Female gender
- B. Caucasian or Asian race
- C. Family history of osteoporosis
- D. Age: Fractures increase with age: This is a key risk factor.
- E. Personal fracture history (after age 40): A key risk factor, which is not entirely based on bone density.
- F. Low body weight
- G. Menopause (women) or low testosterone (men)

- H. Certain medicines like cortisone
- I. Smoking
- K. Lack of weight bearing exercise such as walking
- L. Low intake of calcium and Vitamin D in the diet

**“...several treatments for osteoporosis can reduce risk of fracture by half...”**

**“...peak bone mass is mostly determined by genetics, so pick your parents wisely...”**

### Osteoporosis Treatment

There are several treatments for osteoporosis that can reduce the risk of fracture by half. Therapy

should be individualized for each person and concerned individuals should talk to their doctor about getting a bone density test.

### Summary

Osteoporosis is a common disease that increases the risk of breaking a bone as we age. While there is no cure of the disease, there are medicines that reduce the risk of breaking a bone by 50%.

For further reading go to the National Osteoporosis Foundation's web site at [www.nof.org](http://www.nof.org) and the Surgeon General's report on osteoporosis at [www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/bonehealth/](http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/bonehealth/)

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**Time may be running out...Bring your friends to an osteoporosis lecture by Dr Econs in the Cathedral on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

# Memorial & Honor Gifts

10-1-2005 to 12-23-2005

In memory of Roy Wallace  
Jack R. Wallace

In memory of G. Weldon Johnson  
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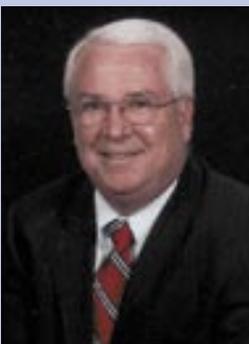
Vivian Gibson  
In memory of Jack Lee  
Mary Ann Huntington

In honor of Don R. Smith  
Doyle T. Smith

## Building a New Ramp

Over the past few years the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation Inc has completed several projects to improve and enhance the appearance of our Cathedral.

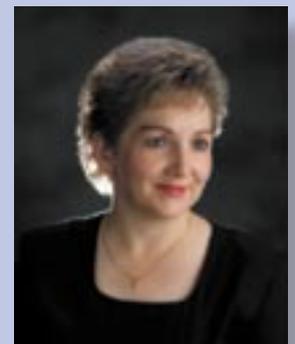
We are now undertaking another major project and would appreciate your financial assistance. To help people who are physically challenged, we are adding a ramp to the west side of the building. It will be located just south of the new west entrance. The ramp will enter the building by the ladies rest room giving access to the passenger elevators on the mezzanine level. This new ramp will make entry into the Cathedral much more convenient for people with physical difficulties. We all know someone who faces these challenges on a daily basis and this is one more example of how our Masonic Fraternity can reach out to help our brothers and friends.



**Mark Dill**  
*Director of Major Gifts*

## Campaign for the Cathedral

Please consider sending a donation to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation Inc to help us accomplish this project. This will greatly improve the accessibility to our beautiful Cathedral for those members and guests who have physical difficulties with their mobility. As always, thank you for your continued support you demonstrate to the Scottish Rite Cathedral.



**Lisa Brock**  
*Administrator*

A Word With You



# What's in your Wallet?

by Gary G Wyne, 33°  
Most Wise Master 1998-2000

At the end of a Capital One Bankcard commercial, the Hun turns into the camera and growls, "What's in your wallet?"



What's in my wallet? I have the usual bunch of stuff. There are the pieces of identification and business cards. But I also have a small deck of Masonic dues cards. Those dues cards are my treasures. Since a toddler,

I've been around the Masonic fraternity. As a youngster I went to family events at North Park Lodge, 30<sup>th</sup> Street at Clifton. Since the age of fourteen, I've been in the Masonic fraternity. My career began at Bridgeport Chapter, Order of DeMolay. I took to DeMolay like a duck takes to water. We had so many boys at Bridgeport that the term of office was four months instead of six months.



After graduating from Butler University, I petitioned Cumberland Lodge #726 and the Indianapolis Valley of Scottish Rite in a period of five months. I immediately became active at Cumberland and served as Worshipful Master in 1978. While progressing through the Cumberland line, an Indiana Consistory Officer was watching and coaching me. Chandler Hill introduced me to Kyle Hughes and that was my start at the Scottish Rite. Kyle cast me in my first degree work, a small part that has since disappeared from the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree. It was an unforgettable experience.

Remember with me while I review some of the many high points such as that place when I received the 4<sup>th</sup> degree where the

candidate is anointed by the High Priest before being placed into duty as a guard for King Solomon. This is always a touching scene to me. During the 14<sup>th</sup> Degree as candidates are anointed around the triangle and then the true name of God is revealed. Multiple times I was on stage in the 15<sup>th</sup> degree as Zerubbabel was tortured for refusing to reveal the secrets of masonry to King Cyrus. The 16<sup>th</sup> degree reinforces that Truth is mighty above all things and reinforces the lesson of the Entered Apprentice degree that "Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue."

The Rose Croix degrees remind us of the universality of masonry by initially stating that the candidate "may take his obligation on that book which is to him the Volume of the Sacred Law, whether it be the Book of the Laws, the Holy Bible, or the Koran," but then focuses on the Christian era with the rhetorical question, "What think ye of Christ?"

The Consistory degrees drive these lessons home with high and sometimes intense drama. No matter how many times I see it, my emotions are always stirred by Benedict Arnold. While he pleads for relief from his condition, his true nature shows through in his attitude and his question, "Is this your vaunted Masonic charity?" instead of, "Is this our Masonic charity?" The contrast between the church and state in the 27<sup>th</sup> degree always gives me goose bumps as Pope Honorius and his attendants make their entrance. All this culminates in the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree when near the conclusion of the first scene, the Commander in Chief tells the class, "... man owes it to himself and to his brother men to be his own best self." He closes that speech with, "...when love of country shall be joined to love of humanity and the Scottish Rite Standard shall rise in peaceful triumph over a world-wide brotherhood of man. So mote it be!" This is such a powerful lesson.

While none of us can deny the truth that the numerical quantity of masons is smaller today than yesterday, it does not mean that we who are here today cannot and should not have a profound affect upon those within our immediate influence. (Even today, we have many more Scottish Rite Masons, than we had when our beautiful Cathedral was erected.)



It must begin with us and it can be done through the moral lessons of Scottish Rite Masonry. In the coming weeks, I encourage you to re-familiarize yourself with your fraternal heritage. Whatever you are doing within the fraternity, do more. Take the initiative. While the ritual remains steadfast, the cast of characters in its portrayal is always changing, bringing a different interpretation, presentation, and emphasis to the degrees. Thus, they are always renewing themselves. This enables the ritual to be fresh and new, yet familiar.

I urge you to return to our beautiful Cathedral and see the exemplification of these powerful, yet meaningful degrees one more time ... and then one more time until the lessons become so ingrained on your heart and soul, that they are even more a part of your daily life. Get involved; make it personal; resist the daily distractions, and make it happen.

By nourishing ourselves on the moral teachings of the Scottish Rite degrees we can navigate through the difficult complexities of daily life. By partaking of this Scottish Rite milk we can build our moral house upon the strong rock foundation of those values portrayed in our 29 degrees.

How about you, "Got Masonry?"

**"Is this your vaunted Masonic Charity?"  
-- Benedict Arnold**

# March 31-April 1 Convocation & Reunion

*honoring Ill Richard E Bixby, 33° & Ill Everett N Downs, 33°*

Adoniram Lodge of Perfection Degrees

Friday 1pm Oath of Fealty  
 4° Ceremonial Section  
 6° Master Brazen Serpent  
 14° Grand Elect Mason & Investiture of Gold Rings

Saraiah Council of Princes of Jerusalem Degrees

15° Knight of the East or Sword  
 16° Prince of Jerusalem  
  
 6 pm Dinner

Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix Degrees

Friday 7 pm 17° Knight of the East & West  
 18° Knight of the Rose Croix

Indiana Consistory Degrees

Saturday 9 am 28° Knight of the Sun  
 20° Master ad Vitam  
  
 12 Noon Lunch  
  
 1:15 25° Master of Achievement  
 31° Grand Inspector  
 32° Sublime Prince Royal Secret

*Volunteer to help the Make-up and Chorus departments.*

## New Life Membership Plan Unveiled

In an effort to promote life memberships in the Valley, the Executive Committee has approved a plan to allow members to pay over a three year period. This is a great way to ensure that your membership will continue without being subjected to increases in the amount of Valley dues. The plan, which became effective January 1, 2006, will calculate the life annuity amount based upon the present dues of \$100 and will require the first one-third to be paid with the request, with like amounts due by December 31 of each succeeding dues year.

Calculation of the life annuity amount is based only on the Indianapolis Valley dues portion and does not exempt the member from payment of

any assessments that may be levied by the Supreme Council, Council of Deliberation or the Valley. These assessments currently total \$15 per year. If a member chooses to spread the life annuity payments over a three year period, a small administrative fee will be added for each of those three years.

Please note that the life membership is not transferable to another Valley and is issued on the condition that you remain in good standing with a Symbolic Lodge.

This plan, along with the opportunity to pay annual dues on a monthly or quarterly basis, is just one of the ways that your Valley is working to add value to your membership experience.



*Members of the Valley take a moment before the 16th Degree last November to smile for the cameraman. The Dramatic Department is looking for new 'hams' -- call Bill Woodruff at 262-3100 to volunteer for the Spring Convocation.*





## Three Generations on Our Stage

Past Thrice Potent Master Hugh Burns (1993-94) has been cast in seven plays on the Valley's stage and has brought some of his relatives along for the ride. Shown here are (l to r) Brad Bennett -- son-in-law -- who was in *Mr Roberts* and *It's a Wonderful life*; Ellen Bennett -- daughter -- who was in *George Washington Slept Here*; and, his grandson Noah Bennett who was cast in his first role at 5 years old. His other daughter, Anne Timmons (not shown), played in *If a Man Answers* and *George Washington Slept Here*. Both Hugh and Noah recently completed their December roles in *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*.

### 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children



## Running the Good Race will Help Our Learning Center Kids

Submitted by Bev Elrod  
Learning Center Board Member

The daughter of 32° Learning Center Chairperson Kay Harmless, Hillary Harmless Church, and her son-in-law, Jay Church will be running in the Boston Marathon on April 17, 2006 to raise awareness and funds for our Learning Center. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to support the tutoring program for dyslexic children offered here in the



Cathedral. Hillary, the Girls' Cross Country and Track coach for Lawrence North High School qualified for the Boston Marathon in Austin with a time of 3:33 minutes. Her husband, Jay - an attorney in Noblesville - qualified with a time of 3:13 minutes. Kay and Jay have been running since they were in junior high school and are the parents of two children, Zeb, age 4, and Franny, age 2.

Our own Tom Beattie, an officer of the Indianapolis Valley, will be running in the Indianapolis Mini-Marathon held in May.

He has also offered to represent the Masonic Learning Center and raise money through pledges to help defray the expenses of free tutoring for kids with dyslexia that our Valley provides.

Our students experience phenomenal success. Recently, one of our former students, Zach Polgar, a sixth grader from Lebanon, Indiana was chosen Indiana Student of the year by the Indiana Learning Disabilities Association. Our congratulations to Zach.



The cost of tutoring, however isn't cheap. If you would like to support Hillary, Jay, and Tom with a pledge, send your check to the Cathedral, attention: Learning Center. If you would like to know more about our learning center, be a volunteer or a tutor, or know someone who might benefit from tutoring, then we need you. You might also like to "run the good race" yourself and participate in our own walk/run race for dyslexia along the canal this Fall 2006. Watch for details in the months to come.

# New Member Rush Party

Bring your prospects to the Valley of Indianapolis Rush Party on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We will greet potential new members and discuss all the opportunities that membership offers. Your prospects will be given a tour of the Cathedral and receive two free tickets to the *Musical Cabaret* playing at the Rite on March 10, 11, 17 and 18. The *Musical Cabaret* is an excellent event for you to showcase our beautiful Cathedral's offerings that membership offers to a friend or family member.

The Spring Convocation will run for two days on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. As in the fall, candidates qualifying for the Patriot Class will receive free initiation fees. Please bring your candidates and questions to the Rite on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The program will begin at 7 pm with refreshments to follow.

Please RSVP to Rick Purcell, Director of Membership Services, by calling 262-3100, ext 244. Rick can also answer any questions you have regarding the evening or membership benefits in general.

*We look forward to seeing you on March 9<sup>th</sup>!*



*Once again, the North Central High School students entertained us at our annual Madrigal Dinner event held in the Ballroom last month. The group divided into pairs during dinner and sang ballads to each table prior to the main show.*

## Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis

# Activity Schedule

### Jan 2006 through Aug 2006

Sat Jan 14 - **Ballroom Dancing Night** - 7 pm

*Starry Nights Band* - FREE

Jan 26 - Feb 4 - **S.R. Performing Arts Center**

"*Over the River & Through the Woods*" - Comedy

7 performances - Members \$15.

Dinner 5-7pm. Call for reservations.



Wed Feb 1 - **Stated Meeting** - 7 pm

29<sup>th</sup> Degree Presentation

Feb 10-12 - **S.R. Performing Arts Center**

"*The Man Who Came to Dinner*" - Comedy

3 performances by Carmel High School

Members \$10. Dinner 5-7pm. Call for reservations.



Sat Feb 11 - **Family Sweetheart Dance** - 7 pm

*Carl Storie Band in the Ballroom and*

*DJ in the Banquet Hall* - Tickets - \$10

Tue Feb 14 - **Ladies Luncheon** - 12:15 pm

"*Wild About Flower & Nature*" - Rita Rutledge

Fri Feb 17 - **Purdue Glee Club** - 7:30 pm

Tickets - \$10 (balcony) and \$12 (lower level)

Fri Feb 24 - **Family Night @ Rite** - 7 pm

"National Treasure" movie - FREE

Wed Mar 1 - **Stated Meeting** - 7 pm

*Institute of Freemasonry Program*

Sat Mar 4 - **Family Night Banquet** - 6:30 pm

Father & Daughter combined - Reservations \$12.50

Mar 10,11,17,18 - **S.R. Performing Arts Center**

"*Musical Review Night at the Rite*" - Cabaret

4 performances at 7:30 pm - Members \$15.

Dinner 5-7pm. Call for reservations.



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

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

# Activity Schedule

Jan 2006 through Aug 2006

Fri Mar 31 - **Spring Convocation** - 1 pm

Sat Apr 1 - **Spring Convocation** - 9 am

Wed Apr 5 - **Stated Meeting** - 7 pm

*Institute of Freemasonry Program*

Sat Apr 15 - **Cathedral Hour** - 7:30 pm

Tue Apr 18 - **Ladies Luncheon** - 12:15 pm

*"Sugar & Spice Fashion Show"*

Apr 20, 21 - **S.R. Performing Arts Center**

**"Sweet Jazz in the Ballroom"**

Butler University Performs at 7:30 pm

'30's & 40's music - \$10.



Wed May 3 - **Annual Elections/Meeting** - 7 pm

Sat May 6 - **Orchestra/Organ/Chorus** - 7:30 pm

Spring Concert - FREE

May 19-Jun 3 - **S.R. Performing Arts Center**

**"1776" - Musical**

10 performances - Members \$15.

Dinner 5-7pm. Call for reservations.



Sat May 27 - **500 Festival Parade** - Noon

Reserved parking, seating, and box lunch - \$12.50

Wed Jun 7 - **Stated Meeting** - 7 pm

Mon Jul 4 - **Fireworks Party** - 6:30 pm

Picnic outside - \$10 tickets, Kids - \$5.

Jul 6-15 - **S.R. Performing Arts Center**

**"Dreamgirls" - Drama**

6 performances - Members \$15.

Dinner 5-7pm. Call for reservations.



Sun Jul 30 - **Belle of Louisville Cruise** - 3 pm

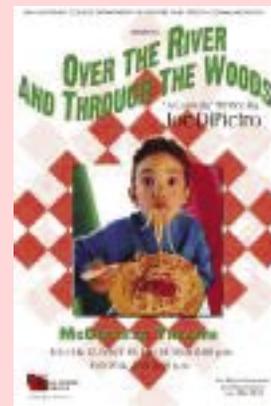
Sat Aug 19 - **Family Night at Victory Field** - 7 pm

# Coming "Ri

*NOTE: Tickets for all shows may be obtained by calling the Scottish Rite Ticket office at (317) 262-3120 or 800-489-3579, ext 235 during regular office hours. Tickets may also be ordered at any time through the ticket web site, [www.ScottishRiteEvents.com](http://www.ScottishRiteEvents.com). You will be required to check the appropriate box to obtain the member discount and must show a current dues card when picking up tickets.*

## Over the River & Through the Woods

Nick is a single, Italian-American guy from New Jersey. His parents retired and moved to Florida. That doesn't mean his family isn't still in Jersey. In fact, he sees both sets of his grandparents every Sunday for dinner. This is routine until he has to tell them that he's been offered a dream job. The job he's been waiting for—Marketing Executive—would take him away from his beloved, but annoying grandparents. He tells them and the news doesn't sit so well. Thus begins a series of schemes to keep Nick around. How could he betray his family's love to move to Seattle, for a job, wonder his grandparents? Well, Frank, Aida, Nunzio and Emma do their level best, and that includes bringing to dinner the lovely—and single—Caitlin O'Hare as bait... we won't give the ending away here. This hilarious family comedy written by Joe DiPietro, shows us the joys and the heartaches of family.



Join us for an evening to chase away the winter blues as the Scottish Rite Performing Arts Center presents, **"Over the River and Through the Woods"** at 7:30 pm on January 26-28 and Feb 2-4. There will be one matinee on **January 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm**. All seats reserved – Members and their Guests \$15; General Public \$22. Dinner available in the Double Eagle Café prior to the show from 5 - 7 pm. Get ready to laugh.

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

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

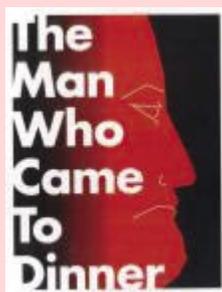
# te" Up: Winter List of Events

## Institute of Freemasonry

Our next two programs for the *Institute of Freemasonry* will be held immediately following stated meetings beginning at approximately 7:30 pm. **February 1<sup>st</sup>** – Presentation of the 29<sup>th</sup> Degree by the Knights of St. Andrew and on **March 1<sup>st</sup>** – Freemasonry, The Royal Society, and the birth of modern science presented by Gary E Brinley, an officer of the Indianapolis Valley.

## Comedy Play

Sheridan Whiteside dines with the Stanley's and when departing, slips and falls and breaks his hip. During the tumultuous six-week recuperation period that follows (in the Stanley's living room), the scheming, skull-drudgery and hilarity begins and comes to a hilarious climax. This comedy, written by Moss Hart and George S Kaufman, will be presented by the Theater Department of Carmel High School. For three shows only: **February 10 & 11 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.** This is a don't miss attraction presented by some of our outstanding Central Indiana teenagers. All seats reserved – Members and their Guests \$10; General Public \$12. Dinner available in the Double Eagle Café before show from 5 - 7 pm.



## Sweetheart Dance



Plan for a great evening with entertainment for all ages. You are invited to "Put on your dancin' shoes" in the Ballroom on **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** and dance the night away to Indiana's own Carl Storie. For the young and young at heart, a DJ will be playing all of today's favorites in Banquet Hall. Refreshments available throughout the evening. This is open to members and their guests only for just \$10 per person. Call the ticket office to reserve your place for this outstanding event.

## Purdue Glee Club

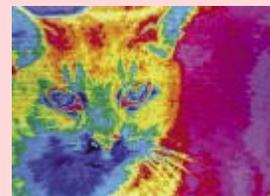


Our most popular entertainment of the year returns to the beautiful Scottish Rite Theater for their annual performance. The Purdue Glee Club has been performing at the Scottish Rite Cathedral for more than 50 years and will return on

**Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> for one performance at 7:30 pm.** Tickets are available at the Scottish Rite ticket office – all Seats are reserved. Members \$12 Lower Level, \$10 Balcony. General Public \$20 Lower Level, \$15 Balcony. Dinner will be available from 5 to 7 pm. Enjoy the show!

## Family Dinner

Bring your whole family to this new event on **Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** featuring a great meal and fellowship in the Banquet Hall followed by entertainment that children, grandchildren and parents will enjoy. Ross Johnson knows... that you're skeptical about ESP! He knows you don't believe in mind reading, second sight or mental projection. He also knows... what you're thinking. Whether you're a believer or a skeptic when it comes to psychic powers or ESP, you can be sure of one thing... Ross Johnson's performance will amaze you. This family event is open to members and their families for \$12.50 per person. Reservations due by February 27<sup>th</sup>.



## Musical Review

The Ballroom comes alive with an evening of appetizers and entertainment on **March 10, 11, 17 & 18 at 7:30 pm.** This Cabaret style evening of entertainment features the talents



of Peggy Chambers (American Cabaret Theater & "Annie Get Your Gun"), Ty Stover (Broadway and "Arsenic and Old Lace") and Bob Harbin, our artistic director, who brought you "Annie Get Your Gun." Be sure to get your tickets early for this evening of entertain-

ment that you will not want to miss. Members and their Guests \$15; General Public \$22.

## Through the Cathedral Window

# Revisionism Threatens Our Roots

by Jerry B Collins, 33°

Editor

Please excuse me for wishing you "Merry Christmas" even though -- unbeknownst to me -- you may only know this holiday because a majority of your neighbors exchange gifts and you can't go to Starbucks on that day for your usual double venti latte. While I'm apologizing, please excuse me for wishing you a "Happy New Year" even though you may celebrate the Chinese, Jewish, Coptic, Armenian, Shenshai, or Mayan New Year on some other day.

All inhabitants of American can celebrate December 15<sup>th</sup> as an important date in history. On that date in 1791, The Bill of Rights became part of the United States Constitution and are the most important documents of our nation's founding. Some of our founders, like Patrick Henry, felt there were not enough freedoms and rights mentioned in our Constitution. Others, like James Madison, felt our Constitution protected all the people's rights and freedoms even though they were not mentioned. The compromise between the two groups is the Bill of Rights. Over the last 211 years, the Bill of Rights has been used by many people to ensure their freedoms.

### 1st Amendment (in part)

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; ..."*

Increasingly, some have taken zealous advantage of the protection afforded by the First Amendment to the extreme thus making some feel guilty to express and practice religious beliefs for fear of offending others. In this day in age, it is becoming increasingly hard to know what to say to anybody without implying something unintended. In December, my mood is focused on the meaning of the season and "Merry Christmas" rolls out of my mouth easier than "Happy Holidays". Please don't be offended, I'm just wishing you well.



Consider these facts:

- In 1782, the United States Congress voted this resolution: "The Congress of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in all schools."

- Was Patrick Henry a Christian? In 1776, he wrote this: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great Nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here."

- Consider these words that Thomas Jefferson wrote in the front of his well-worn Bible: "I am a real Christian, that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus. I have little doubt that our whole country will soon be rallied to the unity of our creator." He was also the chairman of the American Bible Society, which he considered his highest and most important role.

- James Madison, the primary author of the Constitution of the United States, said this: "We have staked the whole future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments."

- On July 4, 1821, President Adams said, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: "It connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

- Of the first 108 universities founded in America, 106 were distinctly Christian, including the first, Harvard University, chartered in 1636. In the original Harvard Student Handbook, rule number 1 was that students seeking entrance must know Latin and Greek so that they could study the Scriptures.

You won't find many of these facts in our students' textbooks today because revisionists hold political-correctness as more important than "truth" thereby diluting our history into mush.

*Happy American New Year!*

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