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Galyean Finishes Terms as Valley Trustee

Visionary Mason

by Russell A. Murphy, 33° - Indianapolis Valley Trustee

An officer, friend, and great Mason whom we, the Trustees will greatly miss, is our immediate Past Chairman of the Trustees Illustrious Brother George E Galyean, 33°. He is a Mason of boundless energy, great dedication, and superb leadership skills who has served the Valley of Indianapolis in many ways.

As one of four Trustees of the Indianapolis Valley, George has been the guiding light for the upgrades, preservation, and additions to our beautiful 75-year-old Cathedral. The west entrance, the ramp for easy access to the Cathedral, the renovation and upgrade of the elevators, are just a couple of the items -- but the list goes on and on.

George is a 1967 graduate of the University of Indianapolis with a degree in Business Administration. He served as a divisional manager for Herff Jones and Co from 1959-1978 and then opened his own business called the "Decorating Center." In 1983 he went to work for Goodwill Industries where he eventually retired as vice president in charge of operations.

George is not a newcomer to Masonry. He was raised a Master Mason in Englewood Lodge #715 in 1961. His business acumen and friendly nature got him noticed at the Valley and was soon named Membership Chairman and later moved through the chairs to become Thrice Potent Master in 1996. When the Valley needed a local chairman for the Supreme Council's annual meeting in Indianapolis in 2001, George was called because of his ability to coordinate many fraternal and community leaders for this large multi-site and week-long event. George's team continues to receive accolades to this day as "the best Annual Meeting of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction ever." George was elected to serve as Trustee in 2001 and has been chairman the past two years.

George is married to his lovely wife Darlene for over 40 years and they have two children and three grandchildren. He and Darlene are actively engaged in the leadership of their church in Greenwood.

George will be missed in a Valley capacity, but there is little doubt that he will continue to be dedicated to the service of his fellow man. He continues his work on the Indiana Masonic Home Board and as President of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation that actively manages a \$92 million endowment.

Thank-you and Godspeed my Brother!



How to Build a Membership

Membership Programs Provide Spark

by Jeff Saunders, 33°
Executive Director

Membership recruitment and retention is a much talked about subject in the fraternity. Just about everyone has some idea that purports to be “the answer” to attracting and retaining members. In the final analysis the ideas proposed never solve all the problems, but that does not mean they should be discounted. Quite the contrary, in our current environment when there is so much competition for a family’s time, new ideas must be tried every year to make whatever gains we can. Sometimes those programs will work for several years, while others are one time successes.

This past year several unique programs attracted the largest number of new members into the Valley in several years and restored the membership of former members in record numbers. The membership campaign to honor “Patriots” produced over 200 new members who were police officers, firemen, active duty and retired military. The Valley set aside a special scholarship fund to assist with the initiation fees for these valued public servants. Adding these to other petitioners produced the most new members in several years. In addition, the Deputy for Scottish Rite in Indiana launched a special program to welcome back members who have previously demitted or been suspended from Scottish Rite. Members lose their membership for varying reasons and many times want to once again be a 32nd degree Mason, but do not know the process and no one contacts them to ask. This special program has produced over 300 restored members to Indianapolis Valley.

In addition to programs to attract Master Masons to Scottish Rite, your Valley has assisted efforts by local Lodges and the Grand Lodge of Indiana to attract more qualified men to Masonry. The Valley provided degree assistance in several cases and also hosted programs in the Cathedral to inform potential Masons about the benefits of membership. Those efforts will continue next year, along with hosting a one-day class for Symbolic Lodge degrees on November 4th.

All of these ideas are critical to making strides in membership through emphasis in certain targeted areas each year. There is no magic bullet that will suddenly attract a wide range of Masons to the Scottish Rite in large numbers,



but new and different ideas each year will contribute to the long term membership health of the Valley. Watch your *Double Eagle* for upcoming membership programs and ways you can help retain our position as the largest Valley in the jurisdiction.

Jeffrey K. Saunders
Executive Director

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Paving the Way

A unique opportunity is now available for Scottish Rite members to join the Ashlar Society. Becoming a member of this society is a manner to show your participation in all the improvements which have taken place recently and give you a personal sense of pride in your Cathedral. The handicap accessible ramp, new passenger elevators, west entrance project, new entry into the west parking lot off Walnut Street, incorporating the Masonic Learning Center for Children into the south end of the Banquet



Mark Dill
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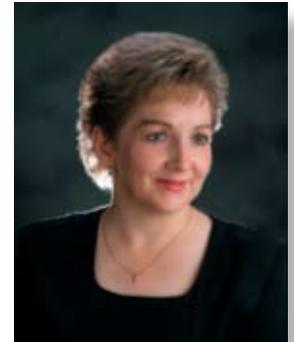
Hall, and the refinishing of the east, south and, north wooden doors have all contributed to the improvement and maintenance of your Cathedral.

There are several examples of brothers who have been memorialized in our Cathedral over the years, such as the Baxter Bell Society, Acacia Society, New Century Society, and the Hall of Honor where MSA's, Trustees, Treasurers, and Secretaries from the past are recognized. The Ashlar Society gives you a special opportunity to honor and recognize someone important in your life; perhaps your Blue Lodge, Grandfather, Uncle, Cousin, Dad, Mother, Brother, Sister, or even pay tribute to your own family.

Campaign for the Cathedral

This is your Cathedral and an opportunity for you to demonstrate your pride and recognize a loved one.

These bricks will be placed at the edge of the parking lot near the new west entrance. Orders will be honored on a first come first serve basis until September 1, 2006 or until the project has been completed. Reserve your brick now by sending in your order form with a tax-deductible contribution to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation. If you have any questions, please contact us at 317-262-3121.

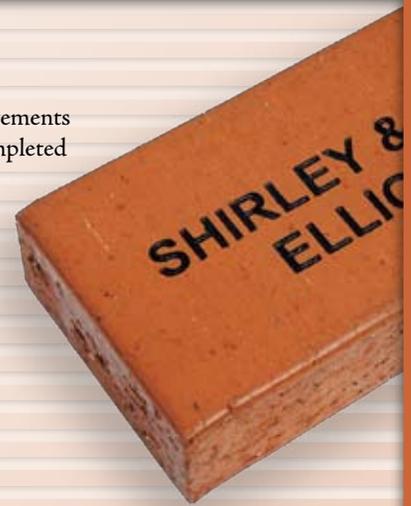


Lisa Brock
Administrator

Ashlar Society

As you may have noticed, over the last several months there have been several structural improvements made to the exterior of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The West Side Entrance Project was completed last summer; entry into the west parking lot was improved with an entrance from Walnut Street on the north side of the parking lot; and, a handicap accessible ramp was just completed near the new west entrance to assist those with physical challenges.

To commemorate these projects, we invite you to join the Ashlar Society. This is an excellent opportunity to memorialize a deceased loved one or honor someone with a living tribute. You may purchase a brick which will be laid in the area under the new west entrance. There are two options to consider: a 4"x 8" brick (2-lines of copy) for a donation of \$100 or an 8"x 8" brick (4-lines of copy) for a donation of \$500. Immortalize your loved one or friend today by ordering a brick. Reserve a brick by sending your order form below, along with your tax deductible contribution, to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation, or contact the Foundation at 317-262-3121 for more information.



I would like to Honor: _____
 Memorialize: _____

Exact engraving on my brick: (lines will be centered on brick)

Name: _____
 Address: _____
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My check* for \$ _____ is enclosed.
 Please charge my    listed below.

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SIGNATURE _____

* Make Checks payable to Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation.

A Word With You



Why Do They Call it "Good" Friday?

by Greg Chiles, Most Wise Master

With summer in full bloom and the winter season a distant memory, this is a good opportunity to reflect on the

recently concluded holiday season. The Christian holidays of Christmas and Easter celebrate the extremes in the life of Christ. Christmas celebrates



His birth and Easter "celebrates" His death and resurrection. There is a question that I keep asking myself whenever I think about Easter, or to be more specific Good Friday – Why do they call it "Good" Friday?



Let's examine the scriptures to see if we can find the answer. The most familiar version of the Story of the Cross is found in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 27. If you

have seen the movie "Passion of the Christ", you have a pretty good sense of what this man was subjected to in those final hours. First, he was flogged by the soldiers. Then they placed the crown of thorns on his head. If you have ever stuck yourself on a thorn from a rose, imagine that pain magnified 50 times and you might understand the

pain he endured. His hands and feet were nailed to the cross, not just bound to it as others who had suffered the same fate. He was spit upon and ridiculed by the crowd. It is easy to see that this was not a "Good" day for Him.

It was not a "Good" day for Simon from Cyrene, who was pulled from the crowd and forced to carry the cross. Imagine having to pull a large cross, probably weighing close to one hundred pounds, over an uneven path, and up a hill. It must have been hard for him as well.

It could not have been a "Good" day for Mary, his mother, Mary Magdalene, or any of the Disciples who were helpless to do anything to stop the events from happening. It is hard to lose a loved one, but even harder to watch them die while you stand by helplessly. Nor was it a "Good" day for the crowd that gathered to watch the events unfold. The sadness and grief they felt standing there watching as the man, whom many had come to follow, was placed on the cross. Then to experience the fear that must have overcome them as the sky grew dark and feeling the earth shake under their feet.

The movie, "Passion of the Christ" proves it wasn't a "Good" day for Jesus.

years earlier when he caused the earth to flood and started over with Noah and his family. Now to have to resort to sending His own son to the cross for a new

generation of people, and for many generations to come, for their sins must have caused Him much pain and anguish.

However, we all know that the story doesn't end with His death on the cross. As with any great book, we have to read on to find out the rest of the story. What made that dark Friday so "Good" was not what happened on that day, but what happened three days later. On the third day, when Mary Magdalene and the other women reached the tomb, it was open and there was no body. The angels had told them that Christ had risen and was to meet the disciples in Galilee.



"Good" Friday assures the promise that it will be a Great Sunday for us.

Matthew 28: 16-19 reads, "then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had

told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...' From this passage, it might be appropriate to say – "Here beginneth the rest of the story."

It may not have been a "Good" Friday for them, but we have the promise that it is always a Great Sunday for all of us.

I also have to believe that it was not a "Good" day for God himself. He had already rid the earth of sin



Spring Convocation Officers



Class Officers for the Spring 2006 Convocation (front row, l-r): Ronald J Monteith (Southport #270), Roscoe R Ratliff (Washington #13), Floyd Songer (Lapel #625), William C Kirkland Millersville #126), Michael E Harper (Russiaville #82), Kris R Kiser (Prospect #714), Timothy R Brinkmeyer (Delaware #46). Back row: George A Buskirk IV (Calvin Prather #717), Christopher Beck (New Palestine #404), Michael L Snider (Hamilton #533), Graham Fitzpatrick (Prospect #714), Franklin E Alan (Knox #639), Barry L Richmond (Nineveh #317), and Jere J Riggs II (Golden Rule #16).

Patriot Class Year Yields 259

As we begin a new year with new officers, committees, programs and goals, I believe it is necessary to review our accomplishments of the past year and give credit to those individuals who contributed to a very successful year.



Richard D. Schull

The Patriot Class and Spring convocation brought 259 Master Masons into Scottish Rite Masonry. This represents the largest number of initiates in three years. A special Thank You goes to S Randal Schutz and Donald B Marcum, Jr for making The Patriot Class a reality.

The "3-10" program is a membership initiative that will pay one year's dues for a member who sponsors 3 new members during the year and will pay life membership fees if he sponsors 10 new members during the same period. This year, life memberships will be awarded to: R Michael Gillie, Jr with 16 new members, George Choung

(12), and Michael J Smith (11). Dues for 2007 will be paid for the following: Matthew Boyer, Kenneth Campbell, William Capler, Jonathan Elrod, William Gloye, 33°, Rodney Godfrey, Nicholas Gray, MSA, Michael Horn, Richard Manifold, Michael McArthur, Floyd Sendmeyer, J Rex Sohn and Amzie Wenning. These awards along with awards for 4 Counties and 39 Lodges who met their goals will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet this fall.

As we look to the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the general membership committee is busy putting the finishing touches on a program they hope will generate an even greater number of new members. Details of this program and the Awards Banquet will be outlined in a future edition of The Double Eagle.

In closing, it is with mixed emotions that I announce the retirement of our Membership Chairman, Thomas A Fallis, 33°. Tom has faithfully served your Valley for many years in this capacity. His leadership and enthusiasm have been contagious and he leaves his post knowing it is in good hands and the new committee will continue to climb the ladder of success he has erected. *Thank you Tom, for a job well done.*

Exec Committee Changes Hands



Four Valley Officers 'Retire' from Active Duty

Randy Schutz

by Roger VanGorden

This was a great year for the Indianapolis Valley and much thanks and praise go to our retiring Thrice Potent Master, Randy Schutz. Randy's dedication not only to the ideals of the Scottish Rite but also to our country was evident in the development of the recent Patriot Class. Further Randy championed the cause to review our programming and focus more attention toward our younger members. He also was a staunch supporter of our development of the Scottish Rite Performing Arts Center.

Randy is a Past Master of New Palestine Lodge #404 and has served as a presiding officer in each of the York Rite bodies. He joined the Scottish Rite in the Fall Class of 1998 and was

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Cary Snyder

by Tom Beattie

As Scottish Rite Masons we would all do well to aspire to Cary Snyder's commitment to participation and service. While many of us struggle to balance work, family and leisure with the demands required of a Scottish Rite officer, very few of us add to the struggle by living 84 miles from the Cathedral. To my knowledge Cary has never let the long drive interfere with his active participation in convocation degrees, work parties, social activities or the tasks incumbent upon a member of the executive committee.

A Mason since 1993, Cary has served in many capacities in several branches of the fraternity. While this seems to be a very hectic and impressive list of accomplish-

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Don Marcum

by Greg Chiles

"This temple in the heart of Man is a Temple of faith and fellowship and service. It is God's Temple, glorified with human hands, and human purposes and human dreams." These lines are in the closing portions of the charge in the 18th degree. Few men exemplify these words more closely than Donald B Marcum, Jr. For the past two years the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix has been lead by the guiding hands of Brother Don.

His service to the Fraternity speaks for itself. In addition to his years of service as an officer in the Rose Croix line, Brother Don has also served on the Membership Development committee for 17 years, including 7 as District Chairman. He served

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Scott Schuster

by Gary Lewis

The members of the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis were extremely fortunate this past year as were the officers of the Indiana Consistory, to have Scott Schuster at the helm as Commander in Chief.

He brought to the Valley his vast experience as a Certified Public Accountant and his many years as an auditor to not-for-profits and local units of government. All of which served us well in his position on the Executive Committee.

In addition to his numerous professional credentials, Scott's fraternal activities have been noteworthy as well. He began his journey at Mystic Tie Lodge #398 in 1991. He served the

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ROTC Award Presented

Rick Purcell represented Scottish Rite at the Purdue University JROTC awards program and presented an award to Midshipman 2/C Marvin J. Weniger. Each year the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction presents awards to JROTC students for "encouraging and demonstrating patriotism by deed or conduct during participation in extracurricular activities or community projects and for academic excellence and outstanding leadership."



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ments and memberships, Cary has still been a devoted husband to his wife, Audrey, and father to his son, Shaun, and daughter, Kaylyn. As Cary relinquishes his position as Sovereign Prince, one might think that he would take this opportunity to take a break from the taxing efforts of providing guidance and direction to a Masonic body. But Nooo! Cary was just installed in April as Right Illustrious Grand Steward of the Cryptic Masons of Indiana, which as you may surmise, requires driving, not just to Indianapolis, but around the entire state of Indiana. Break out the trusty old gasoline credit card, Cary, further miles in Masonry beckon.

Bob Danielson Finishes 2 Terms as Treasurer

A loyal and dedicated officer, Ill Robert M Danielson, 33rd, is completing his sixth year as Treasurer of the Valley, the maximum allowed under our Rules and Regulations. During his time as Treasurer, Bob has been an outstanding steward of the finances of the Valley. As part of the group managing our investments through volatile years in the market, the Valley's portfolio has continued to grow even while providing funds for many needed improvements to the Cathedral. The Valley budgets under his stewardship have reduced overall expenses despite inflationary pressures on several fronts. Even with a busy work schedule, our Illustrious Brother was faithful in his attendance at the regular Executive Committee and Trustee meetings and his dedication and attention to duty will be missed.



the Valley in the Spring Class of 1974 and served as Sovereign Prince of Saraiah Council, Princes of Jerusalem in 1994-96. He was crowned a 33rd Degree Mason in 1997 in Grand Rapids. During his time as Treasurer, he also served on the Finance Committee of the Indiana Council of Deliberation.

A graduate of Broad Ripple High School and Wabash College, he will retire on June 30th from McCready and Keene, Inc. an employee benefits management firm after nearly 31 years. Bob and his wife, Sharon, have been married since 1983. He is active in his community as well serving for several years as Secretary of the Rotary Club of Indianapolis Northeast and is scheduled to become President in July of this year. He is a member of the

Lawrence United Methodist Church.

Congratulations Bob on a job well done and thanks for your dedication to the business of our fraternity.

Bob is a Past Master of Mystic Tie Lodge #398 and served for several years as its Treasurer. He became a member of

Golf's Masonic Heritage

Dennis A M Coltart, 33°

If your heritage dates back to 17th century Scotland, your ancestors may have been golfers and if they were in fact golfers and members of a local golf club, then they very well may have been members of the 'secrete' Society of Freemasons. Is there a connection

between early Scottish golfers and Freemasons?

It is said that there is authoritative evidence that the "Secrecy of the Freemasons is responsible for the absence of early Scottish golf history records," in particular, the records of the

Royal Burgess Golf

Society. What would be the point in not keeping golf records? The answer can best be explained this way: so as not to disclose the names of their members who were Freemasons as well as members of the local 'golf club.' Apparently the secrecy of membership during the early years of Freemasonry was more sensitive than today. There is no firm evidence that Freemasons intentionally destroyed golf records.

In the early days of golf, the main reason members of early golf clubs were Freemasons was because virtually all middle class men of ability in Scotland in the century after 1717 were Freemasons. Because of their middle class or higher status, they were also members of golf clubs. Law officers and skilled artisans as well as poets and writers like Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott were all Masons and golfers.

Extracts of the minutes from several of the early golf clubs note the

details of admissions, competitions, match dinners and domestic arrangements, but do not indicate much Masonic traditions. However, they are written during a time when Freemasonry was strong and highly regarded. They show that many important people who were involved with golf were also Freemasons and acknowledged as such in their development and laying of the foundations of the first golf clubhouses.

... laid the foundation in the S.E. corner thereof, by three strokes with the mallet.

A case in point refers to the minutes explaining the construction of the clubhouse on Leith Links for the Honourable Company in 1768 which reads: "The Grand Master, now in his Grand Climax of Goffing, laid the foundation of the Goffing House in the S.E. corner thereof, by three strokes with the mallet".

The St. Clair's of Roslyn were hereditary patrons of Masons in Scotland and William was the first elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1736. William was also the Captain and a prominent member of both the Leith and St. Andrews Golf Clubs. Apart from laying the foundation of the first golf clubhouse, his name appears on the minutes at the St. Andrews course for having shortened the 'Old Course' to eighteen holes in 1764. William St. Clair died in 1778.

The Royal Blackheath Golf Club's entire membership consisted only of Freemasons until 1789, but up through 1825 it still contained a hard core group of Freemasons known as the "Knuckle Club"

who played golf out of season to avoid non-Mason members. Unfortunately the minutes of the Blackheath Club were later destroyed by fire.

The minutes of The Honourable Company of Edingburgh Golfers, and the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, which contained the names of the most prominent Masons of that era still exist. The

Royal Burgess Golf Society has its minutes dating back to 1773. The minute books of the Bruntsfield Links Golf Society and those of the Royal Musselburgh Golf Club had the least Masonic connections. Extracts from the minute books of these clubs were published in a book in 1875 entitled R. Clark's Golf, A Royal and Ancient Game.



The Freemason's core traditions of self-improvement, self-determination and service to others, etc. have been adopted over the years to the betterment of society. Equally important is the major role that the masons played in organizing golf into the game we know today. At the time when 'kolf' died out in the Netherlands as did its counterpart in Scotland, played as a commoners' game around churchyards and village greens,

'links golf flourished, played with a variety of clubs to holes marked with flags. From 1717 onward, when 'Speculative Masons' began to be recruited to Scottish Lodges, many early Scottish links golfers were Masons and they created the 'golf club' and initially organized golf into



what it has become today.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland was founded in 1736, the third Grand Lodge of Freemasonry after the English (1717) and the Irish (1725). At that time

there were about one hundred Masonic Lodges in Scotland and the difficulty of getting them to agree to a 'head office' had meant concessions had to be given to the participating lodges by way of local powers of decision -- powers which were not conceded by other Grand Lodges. Even then, the Scottish Grand Lodge was only supported by a third of the Masonic lodges of the day.

Interestingly, the published foundation of the Royal Burgess Golf Club of Edinburgh came one year prior to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It looks probable that the Burgess Masons did not join the Grand Lodge. Humans have always congregated together, so group meetings on a social basis was a natural development. Early golf clubs tended to run along segregated lines either by sex or by class, as well as being based on occupational or economic status. It was no surprise that those wishing to pursue the traditional game of golf would follow a similar pattern.

The Masonic influence was common to most clubs in those early days. When a person wished to join the local golf club, he was selected by each member putting their hand in the opening of a closed box and placing a wooden ball into the yes or no

compartments. This, of course is a vintage Masonic practice. No reason was given to the unsuccessful candidate and nobody knew who had blackballed them. Often the captain of the golf club was allowed to enter three members a year on the shake of his hand.

spread to North America and the British Colonies.

James Coltart, (my great grandfather) and William M Coltart, (grandfather) both from Scotland were a part of that golf history and the emergence of golf in America. William, (member of

Portstewart Lodge F&AM), the first golf professional at the Port Stewart Golf Club, was commissioned to come to America in the early 1900's to open a golf course. Bruce Coltart (uncle) was a charter member of the PGA and the resident golf professional at the Seaview Resort in New Jersey from 1940-1970 and owner of Mays Landing G.C. Uncle Syd (a Master Mason) and father Dennis Sr. were also golf professionals. This strong connection between golf and Freemasons continues today with the presence of the Illustrious Arnold Palmer, 33° and others. Isn't it impressive that both groups have been attracting men of character and of good repute for generations?

If you research deep into the history of some of the older golf courses of America, you may find a Masonic connection. For example, Medina Country Club (private) in Illinois was founded, owned, and operated by Shriners with membership limited to Freemasons.

July 17th Summer Golf Outing

The Indianapolis Valley Golf Outing will be held on Monday, July 17th with a shotgun start at 8 am. It will be held at Winding River Golf Course in Indianapolis. Cost is \$60 per person and includes dinner at the Golf Club at approximately 12:30 pm. For further info and to register by July 7th, call Dennis Coltart at 317-338-4596.

For over a hundred years from 1750 when there was no royal patronage of the game, the Freemasons kept the interest in golf alive. With the practice of bets being placed among the golfers, there was a requirement for rules and the

Freemasons laid down a code of 'fair play' for its members so that everything was equally shared out -- hence the term 'fairways' came about. The

word 'fair-ways' was also used by fishermen meaning 'safe passage' for the journey out and back, like the nine holes out and nine holes back on the early courses. It was through its association with the Society of Freemasons that golf eventually

Freemasons laid down a code of 'fair play' -- hence the term 'fairways'...



New Exec Committee Installed

**Charlie
Merlau**

Charles Merlau - a resident of Greenfield -- attended Purdue University prior to a career in farming. He is married to Judy for over 44 years and they have 3 children -- who are all brothers.

**Roger
VanGorden**

Born in September 1959, Roger S VanGorden joins the Executive Committee this year as Thrice Potent Master. Roger is married to Lisa and have four daughters. He attended Indiana University and are

**Tom
Beattie**

It is a great honor and a privilege for me to bring to you the stellar background of one so great and good a Mason as Thomas Beattie Sr. our newest Sovereign Prince of the Saraiah Council Line. Born in

**Gary
Lewis**

Illustrious Gary W Lewis, 33° was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Indiana Consistory on May 3, 2006 during this year's Annual Elections.

Gary was born in Sidney,

**Greg
Chiles**

Gregory A Chiles was installed as Most Wise Master of the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix on May 5, 2006. Greg was born on June 10, 1958, in Newport, Rhode Island. Greg graduated from



New Executive Committee for 2006-07: Charles W Merlau, Jr - Deputy Master; Roger S VanGorden, 33° - Thrice Potent Master; Thomas B Beattie, Sr - Sovereign Prince; Gary W Lewis, 33° - Commander-in-Chief; and, Gregory A Chiles - Most Wise Master.

Charlie was raised in 1982 and was Master of Cumberland Lodge in 1990. He received his 32nd Degree Scottish Rite membership in 1983. Welcome aboard.



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

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Boston, Massachusetts in 1947, Tom moved to Atlanta, Georgia where he was raised. There he began a career in the Department store business as a retail buyer and store manager. In 1981, Tom moved to the city of Indianapolis

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Ohio in 1949 and accepts the office of Commander-in-Chief with the strong support of his wife, Barb, whom he married in 1971. They are proud parents of two sons Brian and Kevin.

Gary comes from a long

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Warren Central High School. He received his BS Degree in Business Administration from Butler University and is employed as Business Manager for St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church in Indianapolis.

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New Valley Officer Appointments

Nathan Brindle

Nathan C Brindle, the new Captain of the Guard of Adoniram Lodge of Perfection is a



Past Master and the current Secretary of Broad Ripple Lodge #643. Nathan is a life long

Indianapolis resident having graduated from North Central High School and IUPUI. He has been very active in Scouting and is an Order of the Arrow. Nathan is employed by L-Soft Corp as a Senior Product Engineer. He and his wife Sally reside in Indianapolis and are members of Congregation Shaarey Tefilah, a Conservative Jewish congregation near Broad Ripple.

Chris Planeaux

Christopher S Planeaux has a seven page resume which



documents an extensive career in classical studies and internet acumen. Born in Atlanta, Ga. Some 39 years ago, he

has resided in Indianapolis since 1988. Graduated from Indiana University in Indianapolis with a double major in Ancient Philosophy and Ancient History with a minor in Ancient Greek, he continued his passion for the Greeks at Darwin College at the

University of Cambridge in England. He received a Master of Philosophy specializing in the Dialogues of Plato.

Chris was raised a Master Mason in Speedway Lodge #729 in 2003 and subsequently joined the Scottish Rite and Murat Shrine. He is a founding member of the Knights of St. Andrew, president of NexGen at the Shrine and membership chairman of the Murat Shrine Business Connection.

Chris and his wife, Christina, have two young children.

Randy Seipel

Born August 18, 1966 and raised in Anderson, Indiana, Randy Seipel graduated from Vincennes



University in 1988. He and his wife Rachel, along with their son, Jes, reside in Greencastle

where Randy is employed as a Detective for the Greencastle Police Department, holding the rank of Captain. Randy was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on April 27, 1998 in Temple Lodge #47. He served as Master of Temple Lodge #47 in 2003 and 2004. Randy is active in the Scottish Rite Chorus since 2000.

Randy has served as Worthy Patron 4 times. He and his family are members of the First Baptist Church in Greencastle. His wife Rachel serves as the Church Treasurer, while Randy is currently in his second term as Church Moderator.

Dale Wheatley

Dale E Wheatley was born May 5, 1963 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in



November 1985 in Prospect Lodge #714, where he is currently serving as Junior Warden. He received his Scottish Rite degrees

in November 1992 and has served on both the Auditorium and Safety Committees and is currently serving as Venerable Master of the Knights of St. Andrew.

Dale is also a member of the Prather York Rite bodies and will become a member of the Murat Shrine in June 2006. Dale is a Past Master Councilor of Prospect Chapter, Order of DeMolay and both his sons recently joined DeMolay at the Speedway Chapter.

Dale is employed as a licensed Home Inspector for Cardinal Home Inspection, Inc. Dale and his wife Bonita, along with their two sons, reside in Indianapolis. We welcome Dale to the Rose Croix line as our new Captain of the Guard.

Paul St. Pierre

Paul St Pierre a is graduate of Xavier University and received his degree in Business Administration. He later went on to earn an associate of



Applied Science at the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He is the Executive Vice

President of Wilson St Pierre Funeral Service and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the seven funeral homes his family's company owns. He has served on several professional boards of directors in his industry and is a high energy achiever who thrives on challenges involving critical thinking and problem solving.

Paul is very active in his community and has served as President of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, Sertoma Club, Rotary Club, and the Greenwood Senior Citizens Center.

We welcome Paul as a Consistory officer where he hopes to follow his dad's footsteps as Commander-in-Chief.

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appointed to the Lodge of Perfection line in 2001. Randy owns Westwood Enterprises, a contracting firm in Greenfield and has worked in the building trades for 23 years. He and his wife, Theresa, also own Stirling Partners LLC, a corporation

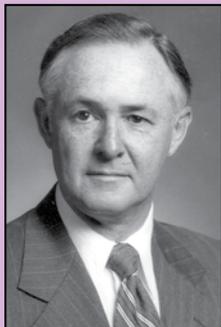
providing products and services aiding our country in fighting the ware on terrorism. They live in Hancock County and are avid Arabian horse lovers.

Randy will assume a new role in our Valley as Trustees. We wish him well in this new office.

An Icon Passes

Neil C King, Jr

Ill Neil C King, Jr, 33°, who served the Valley of Indianapolis in various leadership capacities for nearly 30 years, passed away on March 13th. He was a native of Indianapolis, a graduate of Arsenal Technical High School and the University of Cincinnati. He married Sally Rich in 1951 and they had two daughters and one son.



Neil was employed as Assistant to the Executive Secretary on July 8, 1964 and became Executive Secretary on January 9, 1974. He also served as Secretary of the Indiana Council of Deliberation from 1974-1990. Our

Illustrious Brother retired June 1990 after 26 years of service.

Neil was a great leader of the Indianapolis Valley during the time when membership was over 35,000 brothers. He laid a solid groundwork for those who followed and will be missed by all who served with him.

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as Master of Jackson Lodge in 1990 and presided over all three York Rite Bodies in Seymour.

Brotherhood and fellowship are synonymous terms used to describe part of Don's character. Brother Don came up with the ideas for the annual Belle of Louisville cruise and Gospel concerts that many have attended and enjoyed. He was instrumental in developing the idea for the Patriot Classes held this past year. Brother Don knows no stranger. He is always proud to call you Brother.

His greatest testament to the Rose Croix charge is his faith. This is evident in his everyday life. He and his family are members of Calvary Baptist Church in Seymour, where he serves on the Mission Committee and works with the AWANAS youth group.

We congratulate you, Brother Don, on two fantastic years as Most Wise Master. May God continue to bless you and



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fraternity as Master of the Lodge in 1999. He focused on membership growth and the financial viability of the Valley which were evidenced by the large Patriot Classes and the financial statements presented at the annual meeting.

All the while he is a devoted husband to his lovely wife Karen and dedicated father to their three children, Laura, Sara, and Joe.

A great debt of thanks is owed to this quiet, unassuming Brother for his outstanding dedication, commitment, and loyalty to this great Valley. I speak

for all my fellow Consistory Officers in saying we will truly miss Scott's dry sense of humor and hands-on leadership. We will



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#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.



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line of Masons. Gary has followed in his family's long Masonic heritage; Gary was an active member of the Order of Demolay serving as Master Councilor of his chapter in 1967, he was raised in Southport Lodge #270 in 1982 and joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis and Murat Temple the same year. Gary joined the Murat Shrine Clown Unit in 1982 becoming an apprentice clown, and receiving his clown alias which he is commonly referred as "Bubba".

Gary served as Potentate of Murat Shrine in 2000 and was the leader of a successful membership effort with his motto "Bring Bubba One". Gary has continued those leadership skills with the Valley of Indianapolis. Gary created and implemented the Membership Retention Committee during his term in office and has chaired the committee since inception.

In addition to Gary's Masonic duties he is a Financial Advisor and Wealth Management

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where he continued to work for the Lazarus Company and later with LS Ayres and Blocks until 1991 when he bought into a janitorial firm.

Tom married Mary Kay in 1994 -- the same year he was raised as a Master Mason at Millersville Lodge #126. He has two sons and a daughter.

Tom served as Master of his Lodge in 2000 and is a member of the York Rite and Murat Shrine. Tom served a three year term as Family Life Chairman and earned the Best Overall award given by Supreme Council for a Family Life Program in 2004 and again in 2005. Tom's love for the fraternity is reflected in the way he carries himself both publicly and fraternally. We look forward to the great things that he will accomplish for our Valley.



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As a youth, Greg was initiated into the Beech Grove Chapter of DeMolay in 1973, served the Order in many capacities throughout the years, and is now Executive Officer for Indiana.

Greg was raised a Master Mason in 1979 at Beech Grove Lodge #694. He was Worshipful Master in 1983, 1987 and 1997 and served as Lodge Secretary for five years.

Greg and his wife Dawn married in 1982. They are both members of the Order of Easter Star. Greg served as Worthy Patron in 1988 and 1996. Greg, Dawn and their daughter are active members of Hazel Dell Christian Church in Carmel. Greg has been nominated to receive the 33° in Chicago, Illinois on August 29, 2006. We wish Brother Greg and his family the best as he serves our Valley as Most Wise Master of the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix.

Memorial & Honor Gifts

12-23-2005 to 4-30-2006

In memory of William Wright

Scottish Rite Tour Guide
Committee

In memory of Darlene Barth

Jo Ann Brandt

In memory of Cheryl Sheets

Jo Ann Brandt
Cleo M Sheets
Dennis Sheets
Ray Smith

In memory of Annette Maguire

Jo Ann Brandt

In memory of Rita Sigman

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William A Sigman

In memory of Robert Hay

Marilyn J Hay

In memory of William & Easter

Tustin
Paul & Lynn Thornburg

In memory of Judge John L Price

Robert L King
Richard D Muir

In memory of Hugh Wheatley

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Howard E Moore

In memory of Robert McClain

Charles F Butler

In memory of Roy W Mann

Esther Peewitt
Judy Daub

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William A Sigman

In memory of Tom Hunter

Charles F Butler

In memory of Jeanette Hale

Raymond E Hale

In memory of Kay Leslie

Richard D Muir
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In memory of Neil C King, Jr

Michael & Helen Adams
Robert E Bellamy
Jenny Brunσμα
Howard C Caldwell, Jr

In memory of Joseph H Clark

Willard R Clutter
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Eli Lilly Am Legion Post #374
Kenneth & Linda Halcomb

In memory of James Hanson

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William A Gloye

In memory of Marvin Maguire

Robert J Moore
Roger Mosser

In memory of Richard D Muir

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Jeanne L Ormsby
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George E Proctor

In memory of Doris M Pruitt

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Tom & Dixie Shrock

In memory of A John Sieloff

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William T Sommer
Ronald W Sparks
Wendell D Vandivier
Delores J Von Burg

In memory of Charles F Pribble

Charles F Butler

In memory of Louise Rumble

Eddie B Ellis

In memory of Jack Vanderford

Revelations Class PlainfieldUMC

In memory of Easter Tustin

Lynn Thornburg

In memory of Norma J Hanshew

William A Gloye

In memory of Virginia Roberts

Jenny Brunσμα

In memory of Philip J Jacobs

Jo Ann Hobbs

In memory of James B Calvert

John W Duncan

In memory of Robert Shoemaker

W Hugh Burns, Jr
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In memory of James E Drew

John W Duncan
Robert A Geiger
Barbara L Godsey

In memory of James Hanson

Richard E Hickman

In memory of Joan Hornaday

George Jackson
David H Kemper

In memory of Alan Lisle

Marvin Maguire
H Roll McLaughlin
J W & Ruth Meyer

In memory of David Moeller, Sr

Richard D Muir
Russ Murphy

In memory of George E Proctor

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Tom & Dixie Shrock
Ronald H Simon

In memory of Jack L Smith

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Elmer & Mary Summit

In memory of Donald R Turin

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Wendell Vandivier

In memory of Shubrick Kothe

Alison Kothe

In honor of Willis & Zambalena

Skiles

Genevieve K Leshner

In honor of Russ Murphy

Susan Murphy
Ray Skillman Oldsmobile

In memory of Dana & Elizabeth Starr

Russ Murphy

In memory of Ralph & Belle Doak

Norma & Ray Miller

In memory of Danny Vandivier

Wendell D Vandivier

In memory of C Lewis Jarvis

James E Jarvis

In memory of Robert K Dowden

Myrna L Dowden

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Jeffrey K Saunders

In memory of Ralph T Simon

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Florence L Hulen
John E Hulen

In memory of Herb Carner

Mrs Herb Carner

In memory of Beverly Darrenkamp

Bernard Darrenkamp

In memory of William C Sweezy

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In memory of Edgar G Bunnell

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In honor of Earl M Friend

Miner C Friend

In honor of Ralph Q L Brandes

Rodney C Brandes

In honor of Patricia S Sweeney

Cooper
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Logan P Cooper, &
Lawrence T Cooper
Stephen P Cooper

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In memory of Clyde Profitt

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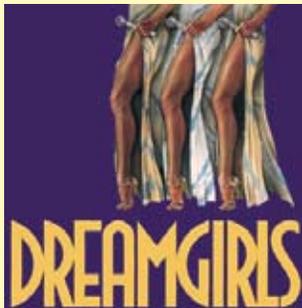
Dreamgirls: The Supremes

Dreamgirls, Diversity and Stewardship

The Scottish Rite fulfills one of its charges this summer when it becomes a leader and Steward in the community.

The Scottish Rite Performing Arts Center in a joint venture with the Madame Walker Theater brings "Dreamgirls" to the Indianapolis stage. These two Indianapolis icons have entered into a joint venture agreement to produce this great

Broadway musical for presentation this summer.



"Dreamgirls" is a great show, but it is the conduit of a much larger initiative. The initiative is one of cultural and ethnic diversity in Indianapolis. When Bob Harbin and Bill Woodruff selected "Dreamgirls", they knew it provided a wonderful opportunity for the Scottish Rite to demonstrate its

community leadership by spearheading this initiative. In a letter to Bill Woodruff, Governor Daniels said, "It is important for all of us to have and understanding and appreciation of one another and to work together for the good of all to make our state an even better place to live." Mayor Peterson wrote, "It is wonderful to see two arts organizations working together to bring a great story to the stage while also celebrating the diversity of our city".

To learn more about this great production, visit our web-site, www.dreamgirlsindianapolis.com. You may purchase

Tickets & Info: www.ScottishRiteEvents.com

"Dreamgirls" is the story of the American dream of fame and fortune. The Dreamettes are performing their Motown music at the Apollo in hopes of "hitting it big" in the music industry. The story which mirrors the beginning and rise of the famous musical group The Supremes and other Motown artists will open at the Madame Walker Theater on June 22nd and run ten (10) shows in two weeks. It will then reopen at our beautiful Scottish Rite Theater on July 6th for an eight (8) show run closing July 14th.

There are many great stories behind this production. One is about the star of this production, American Idol--Trenyce. This is a role she has always "dreamed" of playing, and she gets her chance right here in the Indianapolis production. Trenyce is teamed with a talented cast which includes Lyn Sigman who had the starring role on Broadway and in the touring production of "Dreamgirls", Quentin Darrington who had the lead in the touring production of the Broadway hit Ragtime, and Bill Myers, Emmy winning actor, who starred in our own production of "A Miracle on 34th Street" and is more well known for his lead roles on stage and the soap opera Loving. These are but a few of the very talented cast members appearing in this production. The production's Musical Director is the renowned Allen "Turk" Burke. Turk was musical director for the Spinners and several other top artists. We are again blessed to have Bob Harbin as Director for this production.

tickets through Ticketmaster.com or at either the Scottish Rite or Madame Walker box office. Tickets for the General Public are \$35; however, members of the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite can purchase tickets at the discounted rate of \$25.



Shown are six of the 13 students who graduated and are now reading at acceptable grade levels. The ceremony had over 100 parents, students and family members along with tutors and members of the Board of Governors. Classes for the year end May 11th with the summer session starting on June 14th.

'Round the Rite



George Rogers Clark Scottish Rite Club presented their annual contribution to the Learning Center in May. Shown is Club President Howard King presenting a check for \$500 to Executive Director Jeff Saunders.

Orchestra & Chorus

The Indianapolis Valley Chorus recognized some of their members last month at their annual event. The "Managers Award" for 2006 was presented to Brother Dale Kenny. This award is presented to a chorus member for dedication and service to the chorus beyond the norm. Dale was responsible for about all of our newest members, is always spreading good cheer, taking photos, and promoting our chorus year long! Also recognized were Floyd Trischler for his 30 years of service, and Phil Cox and Lowell Haverstick for their 25 years of service.

Fireworks Party

Tuesday, July 4, 2006 – 6:30 PM

The Scottish Rite will again repeat its July 4th Fireworks Party for members and their guests. The day starts with a \$10 (adults) \$5 (children) Cook-out on the west parking lot beginning at 6:30 pm and follows up with a beautiful Fireworks display in downtown Indianapolis. Free parking. Rest room facilities available in The Cathedral. No tickets are required for this event.

Victory Field Baseball Game



Once again, the summer months remind us of Baseball. The Family Life Committee is sponsoring Scottish Rite Day at Victory Field on **Saturday, August 19 for a 7 pm game**. Cost for this family evening of fun is just \$5 per person. Children under 13 are FREE! Call the Valley Ticket Office at 262-3120. Only 200 tickets are available -- reserve now.

Sold Out Last 2 Years!

Masonic Fellowship Day

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\$5 Children **FREE**
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Sunday July 30th
5 pm

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

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

For more info call 800-489-3579 or www.aasr-indy.org
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Through the Cathedral Window

Reflecting on the Past 6 Years

by Jerry B Collins, 33°
Editor

Last month's elections witnessed the biggest changeover of leadership in the six years that I have been editor. Over these years I have written on a variety of topics in this column: the decline of moral values, "Affluenza," creating a false impression, complacency, over marketing drugs on TV, Indiana DeMolay, God's fingerprints all over your day, The Shakers, our Mission Statement, Titans of the Past, Living in an Uncivilized Society, Hatching Baby Birds, Nit Noy Nonsense, Road Rage, Commercials, Joan of Arcadia, Support our Troops, God's Sense of Humor, The Building Committee, "Merry" Christmas, and When the Price is NOT the Price, (You can visit our web site for on-line archives of these articles) but never have I written about the State of the Valley, per se.

The Indianapolis Valley has changed remarkably in this new millennium. Key personnel changes include the hiring of a new Executive Director, the addition of a fourth trustee, a new building rental manager, a new caterer, a new Director of Major Gifts, and a new Membership Director.

Jeff Saunders was hired in June of 2000 and has provided quiet but determined leadership throughout the Valley by energizing the staff as well as the brothers and the general public about the Mission of the Fraternity and how they can play an important and active role in the future of our brotherhood. Jeff's style contrasts sharply with his predecessor by identifying and inspiring the right people to the job and then letting them do the job.

As the age of the building passed seven decades, more and more work was needed to keep all of the systems in good working order, not to mention structurally sound. A fourth trustee was added to share these responsibilities. The trustees then made some decisions that had an immediate impact on operations:

- An experienced building rental manager was hired to provide another source of revenue in a declining membership.
- Thomas Caterers of Distinction was selected in the Summer of 2002 to add *gravitas* and quality to our food operations.
- Besides being a Mason, Mark Dill is a credentialed professional fund-raiser that was brought on board a year ago last Spring to take our *Campaign for the Cathedral* and charitable giving to the next level. Last year his office raised nearly \$1 million by heightening awareness to the many ways members can honor and memorialize their membership in the Valley. Through him, and the efforts of his predecessors Rick Purcell and Alan Lisle, the Cathedral has been able to fund many many upgrades and additions that quite simply wouldn't have been possible without the financial support of our members, and all because of the personal contacts made. It's hard to believe that the building wasn't even air-conditioned until just six years ago.



The Executive Committee has now turned their attention to the next order of business as these construction projects near fruition: membership. Rick Purcell moved over to *Membership Director* last year and helped coordinate the Executive Committee's idea of a "Patriot Class" to honor those on the front lines of war and society. Gary Lewis, who was elected Commander-in-Chief last month, brings a personal sense of mission and urgency to membership. As past Potentate of Murat Shrine, he had huge success with his campaign of "Bring Bubba One." He has chaired the Valley's Membership Retention Committee since inception and has restored over 300 men to membership just last year. Several new programs will be announced this Fall and are aimed directly at member involvement and retention.

Throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, our Valley has long enjoyed the highest percentage of Master Masons as members, but we are not ready to rest on our laurels and much work remains. If recent effectiveness of our volunteer leadership is any indication, then I can rest assured that our future is in good hands.



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