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Super "Mac"

by Russ Murphy, 33° -- Valley Trustee

An officer, friend, brother, and great Mason whom we, the Trustees, will certainly miss, is our retiring brother Marvin C Maguire, whom we all know as "Mac". A quiet and persistent man of boundless energy and great dedication, Mac possesses calm determination and superior leadership skills. All who have served with him know full well that he is on top of the details of any project he takes on.

Mac has been a guiding light on many of our upgrades, additions, and repairs to our great Cathedral over the seven years he has faithfully served the Valley, not to mention the four years he served as Hospitaler. The west entrance, the ramp for easier entry into the Cathedral, and refurbishment of the elevators are just a few of the major projects that have all been completed under Mac's watchful eye. The "minor" projects are way too numerous to mention.

After retiring from Speedway International Trucks/Navistar in 1994, Mac signed on as an Administrative Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the Valley from 1994 to 1999 and later worked for the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation in 2000 prior to being elected as a Trustee.

A Grand Lodge Award of Gold recipient, Mac was raised in Mystic Tie Lodge #398 in June 1955 and served as Worshipful Master in 1997. He was in the April 1965 class of the Scottish Rite and was a singer in the Scottish Rite Chorus for over 20 years, and served many years as the group's Business Manager. He was crowned a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason in September 1985 in Detroit and is a member of Murat Shrine.

Mac is recently married to a wonderful lady named Linda who hopes they can find time to take a cruise before he gets started on his next project at the Rite.

We extend our gratitude and sincere thanks to Mac for all he has done for the Valley over his many years of membership. You will certainly be missed! Thank-you and Godspeed my brother.

How to Build a Membership

Many Participate in Convocation/Reunion

The Valley Convocation and Reunion is scheduled for April 20th and 21st. During this weekend, eleven degrees will be conferred on a class of new 32nd degree Masons. The commitment that members of the Valley make is substantial. Consider the following information. Conferral of degrees takes 225 actors performing 326 parts. These men rehearse at least 3 weeks prior to the degree plus the actual performance. The off stage work includes 11 degree directors, 14 backstage crew members, 4 light/sound technicians and 8 members handling wardrobe and make-up. Approximately 60 members of the Orchestra, Chorus and our organists are involved in providing music for the degrees and entertainment of the members. Committee members and the Knights of St. Andrew are involved outside the degree work in assuring that everyone is registered, fitting new members with a 14th degree ring and getting their pictures taken for the archives, assisting with orientation and management of the class, acting as Tilers, manning information tables, welcoming reunion class members, honoring our 50 year members and supporting the various activities. Are you counting? The number of volunteers for the weekend is around 500 members. That does not include new members and visitors viewing the degrees. There is also a considerable number of catering employees serving the nearly 1,000 meals over the 2 day period.

All of this activity is critical to assure that our new members receive the degrees in the correct environment, that they share in the fellowship of their new brothers and that our lessons may be imprinted upon them as they become 32nd Degree Freemasons. But there is another aspect to the weekend related to the Reunion portion of the event. The renewing of old friendships and rededicating ourselves to the teachings of the degrees is an important part of the mission of the Valley. Whether you come by special invitation as part of the reunion of the classes of 1947, 1957, 1967, 1977, 1987, or 1997 or just sit in the audience as a reminder of your love for the fraternity, those 500 volunteers are there to assure your experience is also a lasting one.

We urge you to be a part of this exciting weekend. You may even find a few surprises. The Scottish Rite is constantly updating and revising degrees. The version you saw at your entrance into the Valley may not be the same today, but is sure to still have a relevant lesson for our lives.

Bring a Master Mason to share in the experience that Scottish Rite Freemasonry has to offer. You will be richer for sharing and your fraternity will remain strong because of your commitment.

Jeffrey K. Saunders
Executive Director

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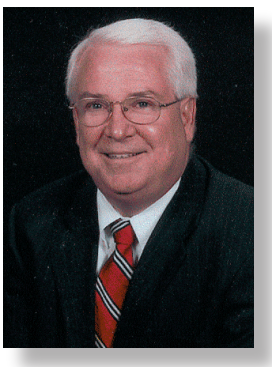
IT'S SPRINGTIME AT THE CATHEDRAL

Spring is definitely in the air! Even though this was a relatively mild winter according to Indiana standards, it was still cold, dreary and long. People will soon be working in their yards; planting bushes, tomatoes and flowers; trimming their lawns and enjoying the beauty that always comes with springtime.



Mark Dill
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The Cathedral Foundation is sharing in that spirit and wants to remind everyone of the opportunity to join the Acacia Society by purchasing a tree on the Cathedral grounds this spring. For a donation of $1,000 a tree on the Cathedral property will memorialize an individual who has had a major impact upon your life. This contribution can be made in cash, stocks, or some other property. A three-year pledge would be a great way for some members to recognize loved ones. Each tree will be assigned a number and a plaque and each donor will be recognized on a bronze plaque in the Hall of Honor.

Campaign for the Cathedral

Join us in the spirit of the Grand Architect this spring and consider buying a tree to memorialize someone important in your life and also help us in the preservation of the beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, call me at 800-489-3579, ext. 285.

Memorial & Honor Gifts

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Jenny Brunsma

1986 'Challenges' Still True Today

For many years, "Membership" has been a priority as well as the subject of many conversations among the leaders of our Fraternity and its family. It is no secret our numbers are decreasing, and our average age increasing. It is becoming more difficult to recruit new members and retain our current ones. The importance of membership recruitment and retention to an organization's success will not change in the new century, but the members and potential members will!

"How are we going to survive?" is a question, I am sure most of you have heard or maybe even asked yourself. The answer is not a simple one.

The Membership Development Committee of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis has scheduled Mark Levin, an internationally known and respected membership development expert to lead a fun, interactive symposium designed to help the entire family of Indiana Masonry Sell the Sizzle and turn up the heat on membership recruitment and retention.

Here is just a sample of what you'll take away from this exciting day:

- Learn how to identify the "new marketplace"
- Using technology to recruit and retain members
- Learn how to enhance your organization's image
- Identify reasons to join
- Target the best prospects
- Deliver the message
- Put the member back in membership
- Overcome objections and close the sale
- A 5-step approach to retention

Mark will give specific suggestions on what leaders and organizations can do to reach this multi-generational target market.

This fast-paced exciting symposium is open to the Entire Masonic Family and will be held on SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN. There is no charge for the symposium, however advance registration is required. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED WITH PRE-PAID RESERVATION ONLY. COST - $10.00 per person. Complimentary Coffee and Donuts will be available beginning at 7:30 a.m.

For more information or to register, please contact: Rick Purcell at 800-489-3579, ext. 244 or rpurcell@aasr-indy.org

April 20-21 Convocation & Reunion

honoring Ill James R. Phillippe, 33° & Ill Robert M. Seibel, MD, 33°

Adoniram Lodge of Perfection Degrees

Friday 1 pm		Oath of Fealty
	4°	Ceremonial Section
	10°	Master Elect of Fifteen
	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

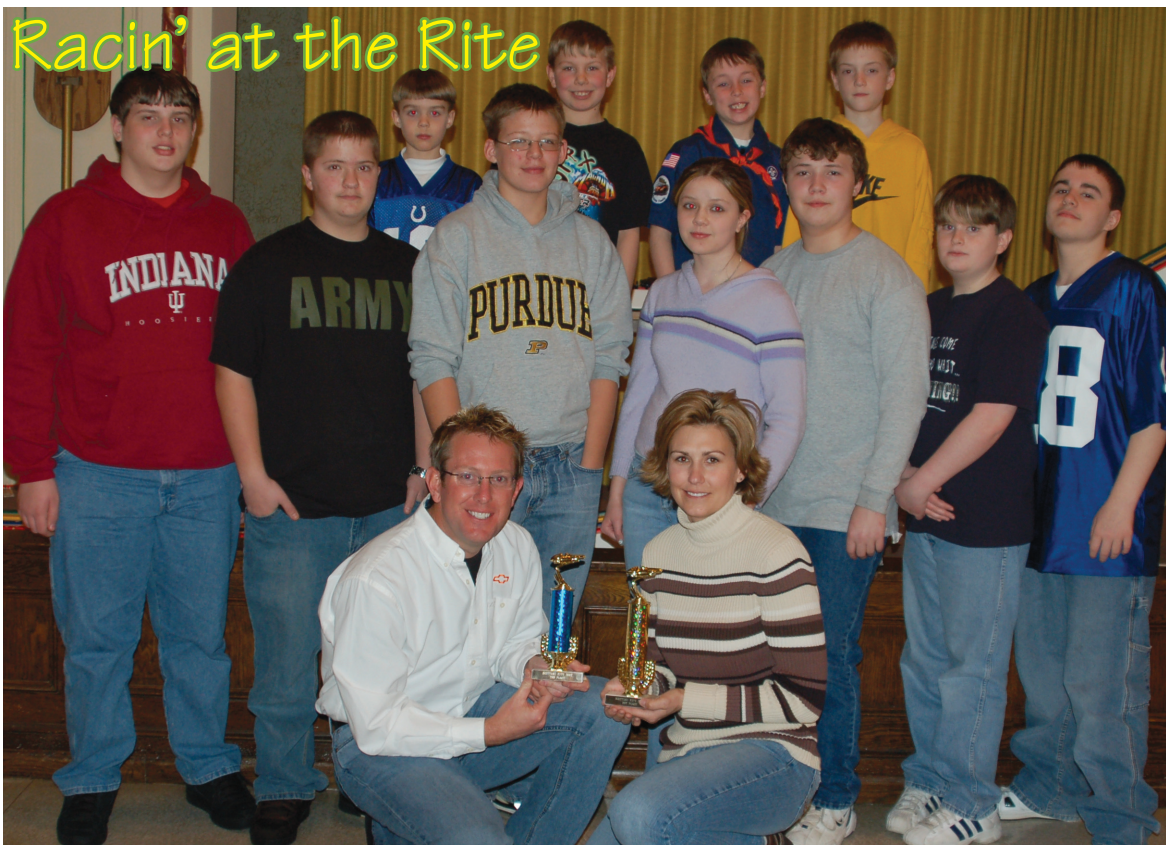
Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix Degrees

Friday 7 pm	18°	Knight of the Rose Croix

Indiana Consistory Degrees

Saturday 9 am	19°	Grand Pontiff
	21 °	Patriarch Noachite
12 Noon		Lunch
1:15	20°	Master ad Vitum
	31°	Knight Aspirant
	32°	Sublime Prince Royal Secret

Volunteer to help the Make-up and Chorus departments!



Racin' at the Rite was held on Daytona Saturday, February 17th when kids of all ages brought their pine box derby car and raced them in tough competition through heat after heat. Tommy Johnson, Jr (who races Funny Cars) & Melanie Troxel (who drag races) added spice to the event. Sports personality Vince Welch MC'ed.

The Mourning of My Brother

I do not feel remorse for the man who does not join our ranks in Masonry. For he who does not knock or does not ask, simply never knows what he missed. But how my heart bleeds for my Brother who knelt where I and Hiram knelt; and chose not to participate in our labors. He came of his own free will he made claims to be part of such a wonderful Fraternity but alas he did not take part in our rituals, nor did he come out and assist in the raising of another Brother. Though he pays his dues he never darkens our door step in search of further light. Nor does he petition the other Bodies of Masonic fellowship. For him I mourn, for him my heart bleeds because he never knew the true meaning of the words we spoke. We are taught early in Masonic degrees that as we advance in knowledge we improve in social intercourse. For by this participation do we come to understand the more complex teachings, which have been handed down throughout the ages. The moral structure of man fails easily without support from the bases of our institution, for without Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth our clay tabernacles are but empty vessels. Through Brotherly Love we have purpose in caring for our fellow man. By Relief we have purpose through our charitable giving. By Truth we also have purpose by always searching for Light and praising our one True GOD. GOD is the "TRUTH" and the Light which we should always seek! So it is for these brothers who do not participate, that I do mourn. They have lost the meaning and benefits of our Fraternity. And we who do participate in the many functions throughout Masonry are truly blessed and our cups runneth over from the joys we bring to one another. So the next time that there is a function, the next time there is a meeting, please remember that you are missed. If you are there, a warm smile, a shake of your hand or a pat on the shoulder may make a difference in the life of a man whom you call Brother.

~~Michael Joe Smith, Saraiah Council, Princes of Jerusalem

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"A Word With You"

"Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachthani?"

Don Marcum, Orator
Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix

Ever felt lost or forgotten? I recall experiencing that feeling on our family vacation to the St. Louis Zoo in 1964. We loaded up the station wagon in eager anticipation of the things we would see on our trip. What a wonderful time we had seeing all the zoo exhibits with our grandparents. I still treasure those memories, despite the 43 years that have passed. I recall wondering off from my parents a few feet from an exhibit, as most kids are prone to do. When I looked back I could not see Mom or Dad due to the large crowd. I was frightened even though they were really close by. There is nothing like the feeling of being lost. Being reunited with Mom and Dad restored my security with the warmth of their love. The 18th Degree, Knight of Rose Croix, has a message of God's unconditional love that can be easily understood by Christian and non-Christian alike. It helps us to understand that God loves us no matter what sins we have committed. That he is always there to take us back into the fold, to pick up the pieces and put our lives back together when no one else seems to care.

Resolve to apply the lessons and moral taught in our fraternity.

While serving as Most Wise Master, I had the opportunity and blessing of presenting the "Story of the Cross". At one point in the Story these memorable words of Christ are recited,"Eli Eli Lama Sabachthani?" translated "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Having accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior as a teenager, I realized that Christ died for me on the Cross, paying the price for my sins with his blood – past, present and future. However, I never realized until I read Pastor Charles Stanley's book "Eternal Security – Can You Be Sure?" what else had occurred at Calvary. I did not realize that in the last moments of his life, Jesus had to endure something beyond the pain of my sin. What was it that he had to endure on the Cross for me?

Renew the acquaintances that prompted you to join our fraternity . . .

Reading further into Brother Stanley's book, I found that not only did Christ pay for my sins, but he also experienced the separation from God that I would have experienced eternally if I had not accepted Christ as my Savior. Christ loved me so much that he actually experienced the pain and agony of eternal separation from God for me!

For an instant in time Christ felt the pain of being separated from his Father. He even addressed him differently as "My God". Up until then he had always addressed God as His Father. As we celebrate Easter let us never forget the price that Christ paid on Calvary. We can never feel or fully comprehend what actually took place that day. We have to accept it all by faith!

There are times when we all feel lonely, forgotten, and blue. I believe all of us get down at times and feel that no one really understands or cares about us anymore. It is in these times of adversity that God is trying to get our attention. He is saying, "turn to me – I'm still here and I love you no matter what you have done!"

God is always willing to listen, to forgive and forget our sins. He is always there to comfort us if we will just take time to bow our knees and pray. Nothing is too big for God to solve. Take a moment and reflect on what Christ really did for mankind when he cried, "Eli Eli Lama Sabachthani?" Read the Story of the Cross with your family on Easter (Matthew 27:27-54). I believe it can give us a whole new perspective on our lives and the unconditional Love of God.

I experience great joy in knowing that on Easter morning Christ arose and that he is coming again for me. Please plan today to join us with your family and friends for the Easter Cathedral Hour on Saturday, April 7 at 7:30 pm. May God richly bless each of you this Easter!

Coming "Rite" Up

Cathedral Hour

On **Saturday, April 7, 2007 – 7:30 pm** the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix will hold a Cathedral Hour Service to celebrate Holy Week. An outstanding speaker will bring us the Holy Week message along with a splendid musical program presented by the Scottish Rite Chorus. A brief and impressive memorial service will be conducted for deceased brethren. The Scottish Rite is again happy to join with the Knights Templar Commanderies of the Valley in the observance of Holy Week. Scottish Rite members, Master Masons, their families and friends are cordially invited. No tickets required.

Abbott Scholarships

The deadline for receiving applications for college scholarships is **April 1, 2007**. Indianapolis Valley, in concert with the Supreme Council awards a total of $25,000 in scholarships to children and grandchildren of Scottish Rite members, members of Masonic youth groups or graduates of the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children. Call Donna Cofer in the Valley office for applications or download an application at www.supremecouncil.org/new/home.asp.

500 Festival Parade

Saturday, May 26, 2007 – 12 noon. The Scottish Rite is again offering reserved seats on the Meridian Street steps for its members for the annual 500 Festival Parade. Tickets are $12.50 per person and includes reserved parking on the West lot, reserved seating, and a box lunch with drink. Limit of 6 tickets per member. Take advantage of this great opportunity to see all the floats, bands, and drivers from your very own seat. Rest room facilities within the Cathedral will be available. Seats are very limited and sell out quickly.

Annual Meeting

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CONSTITUENT BODIES. The annual meetings of the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection, Saraiah Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix, and Indiana Consistory, SPRS will be held jointly on **Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 7 pm** at the Scottish Rite Cathedral for the purpose of electing officers to serve during the ensuing year. In addition, two trustees will be elected by the Lodge of Perfection to serve during the next two years. If you would like to place your name in nomination, please contact the office.

Orchestra & Chorus

On **Saturday, May 5th at 7:30 pm,** the Scottish Rite Orchestra, Chorus, and the magnificent Cathedral Organist will present a delightful evening of music for your holiday entertainment. FREE for all members and their guests. No food service prior to this concert.

April 30th Spring Golf Outing

The Indianapolis Valley Golf Outing will be held on Monday, April 30th with a shotgun start at 8 am. It will be held at Saddle Brook Golf Course in Indianapolis. Cost is $60 per person and includes lunch at the Golf Club. For further info and to register by April 20th, call Dennis Coltart at 317-338-4596.

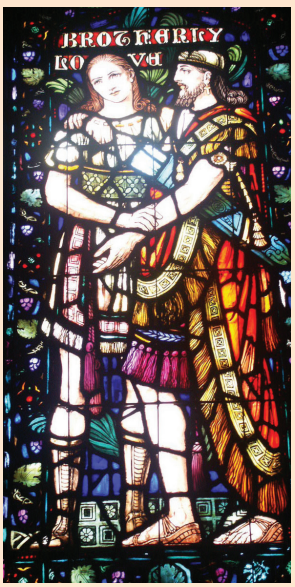
Through the Cathedral Window

New Resolution: Do Nothing in 2007

by Jerry B. Collins, Editor

Happy New Year! Now, everyone be honest . . . by show of hands, how many have broken their resolutions already? How many of you didn't even make resolutions to break? It's a funny thing this concept of a New Year, a new leaf, a new beginning -- a chance to wipe the board clean and 'start over' again anew.

I come to the beginning of a year with conflicted feelings. On one hand, I wonder why we make such a fuss over the New Year. The end of one calendar year and the beginning of another is simply a human measurement imposed on time.



Human beings have used all sorts of calendars to record the passage of time. According to the Gregorian calendar, the New Year starts on January 1st, but it could start at any time. If we followed the Mayan calendar or the old Chinese calendar, we wouldn't be talking about the end or the beginning of the year. Even the church calendar does not see today as the beginning of anything new. In the liturgical calendar, the church year begins each year on the First Sunday of Advent and ends on Christ the King Sunday in late November. It wasn't until 1752 that the American colonies switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. Therefore in 1752, Wednesday, September 2, 1752, was followed by Thursday, September 14, 1752. Eleven days simply vanished - at least as the calendar records them. Today, the Gregorian is the most universally accepted calendar in the world.

In many ways, one day is like another. From one perspective, it doesn't mean anything except a good excuse to make some lists of famous people, favorite songs, notable deaths and newsworthy events. It's a good excuse to throw an extravagant party, get weepy and sentimental, kiss a near stranger and make some resolutions that we are unlikely to keep.

At the onset of this new year, take time to rake through your experiences of the past year like you might rake up a pile of leaves. The leaves might represent all of the people whose lives intersected with yours during the past 12 months. To some, the leaves may be unimportant, they may be damp and troublesome, they may take too many bags to fill and cause too many blisters and too much back pain. On the other hand, you might enjoy the rhythmic sound of the rake pulling through the grass, to catch sight of the leaves as they are lifted by the rake and the air, to see their deep autumnal colors and varied shapes, to feel their texture in our hands. It is God who makes our lives beautiful by filling them with truth and grace and beautiful friendships.

As Masons, we are charged with the tenets of our profession: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. In focusing on 'Relief" we are taught to relieve the distress of a worthy brother, widow, or orphan. But I would add perhaps a new dimension to that word by asking you to considering giving relief to yourself during the ensuing year. Relief to yourself? Another way of stating this is to simply take more time this year --- to doing nothing.

Doing nothing: take an hour out of the middle of each day and get away from your routine. Daydream. It's a little like detoxifying the mind. Doing nothing is a way of flushing the old stuff out so new stuff can come in. Just like a cup of tea, if the cup is full, you can't put any more in. Doing nothing can help reset the mind's internal workings and affect psychological reactions. Scientific studies dating back to the 1970's have shown that certain states of not doing, such as meditation, can reduce heart and breathing rates which can positively influence neurological activity and human perception. Literally, it can wake up -- even spark -- your creativity.

This New Year resolve to do nothing and then out of the nothingness can perhaps come the energy and creativity to add something new, something positive to another person's life. It is our mission as Masons, after all, we are all God's children.