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March Grand Master's Class



55 New 32nd Degree Masons

How to Build a Membership

Officers Promote New Programs

New officers have assumed the mantle of leadership in the Valley with each of the four constituent bodies electing a new presiding officer. In the next 60 days, you should be receiving a calendar of events outlining the programs that the officers have planned for the next 12 months. The process of determining events and programs for our members is a lengthy process that stretches throughout the year leading up to the change in officers. There are evaluations of current programs based on feedback from members, attendance, financial impacts and fit with the mission and vision of the Scottish Rite.



The officers also have personal observations and new events they would like to try or new twists on events that have been held for many years. The result

is a calendar of events that we hope will offer benefits to every member. While not everyone will participate, perhaps there is something that will strike you as worthwhile for you, your family or a potential new member.

•Degrees as part of stated meetings are a great way to experience the unique brotherhood of the Scottish Rite while offering continuing Masonic lessons and an ability to fill your passports with stamps. The Supreme Council provides special recognition for everyone submitting a passport with stamps for all of the degrees. Look for degrees after stated meetings in June, September, December, and February.

•There are several opportunities to invite your fellow Master Masons to become Scottish Rite Freemasons and one unique program will be the January 31 degree day in the Cathedral with transportation provided from several parts of our jurisdiction. This follows up on a successful program of providing travel to a recent stated meeting and program.

•The 4th of July Fireworks party is always a great program where members and their families get a unique view of the downtown Indianapolis festivities with exclusive free parking and meal provided. This year the Valley will be presenting a dramatic presentation "The Last Full Measure" in the auditorium after dinner and before the fireworks. This is based on former 26th degree Civil War drama and a great way to experience this lesson with your family and potential members.

•There continues to be the popular family programs like the Children's Halloween and Christmas parties, concerts featuring our orchestra, chorus and organ, Sweetheart Dance, Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, and 500 Festival Parade seating. The annual Bean Supper is scheduled for September 5 with great fellowship and speaker to kick-off the fall season of events.

Look for the calendar of events to arrive in your mailbox and posted on the website and take pride in the many activities available to you as a member of the Valley of Indianapolis.

Jeffrey K. Saunders
Executive Director

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'Round the Rite



Valley Supports IU Bone Research

The Scottish Rite Foundation Board recently met with the new Dean of the IU School of Medicine, Dr Jay Hess. The Foundation has a long history of contributions to the bone research program. Shown here are (l to r): Paul C St Pierre, Gregory N Jordan, 33°, Jeffrey K Saunders, 33°, Dr Erik Imel, Dr Michael Econs, 33°, Gary W Lewis, 33°, Dr Jay L Hess, and Gary E Brinley, 33°.

History Month at Library

by James Granneman -- Valley Librarian

July is history month and your Valley Library has a wealth of history books ready for checkout. We have all kinds of history books on topics such as presidential history and men who were not presidents, American flag history, American Revolutionary history, Boston Tea Party, the USS Indianapolis, the birth of America, Freemasonry in American history, pioneer history of Indiana -- all of these books are in cabinet L. Remember, we are on the honor system and please fill out a card.

Tour Guides Needed

Always one of the most active groups in the membership, the Tour Committee annually logs nearly 1,300 volunteer hours providing tours of our historic Cathedral. Tour Chairman John C Schwegman reports that more than 3,500 visitors were escorted last year from 42 states and 29 foreign countries.

This dedicated group is always looking for more members to their committee. They are an enthusiastic group who love to show their pride in our Scottish Rite Cathedral. Tours are available 10 am to 2 pm, Monday through Friday and the third Saturday of each month. Contact the Valley office if you would like more information on becoming a Tour Guide.

Abbott Scholarships Announced

The Indianapolis Valley Scholarship Committee has announced winners of college scholarships for 2014. Funds from the Supreme Council Abbott Scholarship program, along with matching funds from the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis Foundation, Inc brings the total to \$28,000 in awards. Scholarships are available to members of the Indianapolis Valley, children of members, or members of Masonic youth groups. Applications for 2015 school year are available by calling the Valley office or download at www.scottishritenmj.org.

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Indiana

Smith, Seipel, Maple, & Porter Honored at Officer's Reception

Four Valley Officers 'Retire' from Active Duty



Mike Smith

by Amzie Wenning, Sovereign Prince

Michael J Smith, Past Sovereign Prince, has faithfully labored with the sword in one hand and the trowel in the other. Thankfully, he didn't need the sword but he has constantly used the trowel to spread that cement which unites us. The Valley of Indianapolis is lucky to have had Mike serve as an officer for the last ten years, and only unlucky because we can't keep him any longer. He has served and continues to serve too many Masonic bodies to mention and has served them well.

Sitting along side with Mike over the years I have observed a few things about him: he is extremely dedicated to our fraternity and will always serve to the best of his ability, if he agrees to do something, he's going to give it one hundred percent, and particularly striking about

Mike is that he is always upbeat and positive. I can't think of a time when I've heard him complaining or being negative. The attitude a person exhibits influences those around them. Somewhere I heard the question, "Are you a fountain to those around you or are you a drain?" While I won't go so far as to say that Mike Smith is bubbly I will say that he is a fountain and most of us could learn a lot from being around him.

I have been fortunate to serve with him and -- knowing Mike -- I'm certain that we will continue to see him around the Valley for many years to come serving wherever and whenever he is needed.

Mike is honored to have his wife, Annette, as a constant companion and supporter of his Masonic memberships.



Outgoing Sovereign Prince, Mike Smith, accompanied by his wife, Annette, were honored for his service to the Valley. Cary Snyder, 33° appointed Mike to the line.



Jerry Maple

by Doug Fick, Thrice Potent Master

Leadership and teamwork are my first thoughts reflecting on Jerry Maple's year as Thrice Potent Master and Chair of the Executive committee. He was consistently focused on the membership, how to improve their experience and improve the value of membership. New members were an equal focus, through programs such as mentoring he wanted to extend the benefits of membership to the Masonic community.

His outgoing personality motivated him to interact with as many members as possible which after meeting his father is a family trait. One of the moments that I remember fondly during his year was his pleasure to preside over a stated meeting attended by this father, a resident of Arizona, only to be surpassed by his father's pride with his son serving the Valley.

Teamwork was expressed consistently in his role as leader of the Lodge line and Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The line would meet regularly gather to discuss issues and concerns expressed by the members about the Valley. The collective wisdom of the current officers and past from previous leaders was obtained and expressed when appropriate. The executive meetings were a gathering of equals representing the four presiding bodies of the Valley.

Jerry performed all of these duties while successfully leading Huff Steel as its president. During this time he added sales duties to his job description and worked on the family farmhouse. In his retirement from the Lodge line duties his personal duties will definitely keep busy as he recently proposed to his fiancé, Polly Willhite and will be married in the fall.



Jonathon Elrod, 33° appointed Jerry and was on hand to present him with his Thrice Potent Master's jewel. Jerry was joined by Polly Wilhite for the evening.

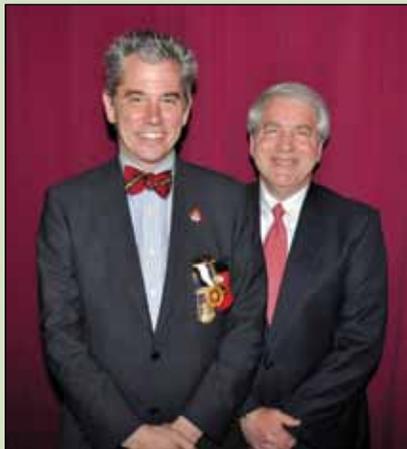


Jon Porter

by Jerald L Miller, Commander-in-Chief

Jon attended Wabash College where he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi social fraternity, sang in the Wabash College Glee Club, and edited the student newspaper. During his junior year at Wabash, he studied at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. After graduation from Wabash, he went to St Andrews University in Scotland for a Master's Degree in Medieval History. After a brief interlude, he returned to Great Britain to study for a PHD in Medieval European History at the University of Nottingham, in which he specialized on Monastic Reform Movements in the twelfth century. It was there that he met his wife, Inge, who is from Antwerp, Belgium.

Dr Jon MB Porter was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Mystic Tie Lodge 398 on September 11, 1995 and joined the Indianapolis Valley in April of 1998.



Outgoing Commander-in-Chief Jon Porter was appointed by Mike Moxley, 33° who could not attend; however, his fraternal great grandfather, Tom Shrock, 33° presented him with his jewel.

Professionally, Dr Porter teaches in the Interdisciplinary Global and Historical Studies Program at Butler University, which he has done since 2001, is a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society. Jon enjoys family life with his wife Inge, who is an attorney for the Indiana Court of Appeals, and their two children, Elizabeth and Alexander, both of whom attend S. Richard's School in Indianapolis.

His academic accomplishments and professional responsibilities have allowed him to serve the Rite well, especially relative to his untiring efforts in seeking funds for the ongoing building restoration project.

Thank you Jon, for all of your contributions to Masonry in general and particularly to the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite.



Randy Seipel

by Dale E Wheatley - Most Wise Master

For the past eight years, the Valley of Indianapolis has been blessed with the dedication and devotion of Randy L Seipel. He is a brother who takes his obligations to heart.

My Brother received his degrees into the Scottish Rite in 1999, has been active in the Chorus since 2000 and active in several degrees throughout the years. On May 5, 2006, both Randy and I were installed into the Rose Croix line together. Even though I'm a few years older, he is my bigger brother within the Rose Croix line. He is someone you can learn things from simply by his leadership and example. Randy knows the tenants of his profession and displays them on a daily.

In the 18th degree we learn there are three virtues to guide us through life – Faith, Hope, and Charity or Love. These are the virtues that my brother uses throughout his life for he has a strong faith in God, our country and Freemasonry.



Greg Childs, 33° appointed Randy Seipel, MSA to the line and presented him with his jewel of service. Melanie Hash was Randy's guest for the evening.

I know he has a sincere hope for our fraternity to grow and to be inspirational. Randy is one of the first to provide charity to anyone who is in need simply because he knows that is right and because he has a genuine love for others.

During the past eight years, I have had the privilege to sit on the arena floor and see Randy perform various parts with such love and devotion. No one can deny the passion he gave while telling the story of the cross -- the most inspirational part of the 18th degree.

While serving as Chairman of the Membership Committee, Randy has often said, "Membership is the most important part of a fraternity. All we need to do is ask, just ask."

My brother Randy, it has been a privilege to serve under your leadership.

We thank you for your dedication, devotion, and fellowship to our Valley. I love you, my brother!

New Leaders Assume Top Spots



2014-2015 Presiding Officers (l to r): Jerald (Jerry) L Miller, Commander-in-Chief, Dale E Wheatley, Most Wise Master, Amzie L Wenning, Sovereign Prince, and, Douglas D Fick, Thrice Potent Master. Also elected were Paul C St Pierre to serve as Trustee, Gary C Brinley to serve as Treasurer, Bradley C Wooten to serve as Tiler. Gregory N Jordan, 33° was re-elected to serve another term as Trustee while Jeffrey K Saunders, 33° was re-elected as Executive Director for his 15th year.



Jerry Miller

by Jon MB Porter, Past Comannder-in-Chief

Jerry Miller, our new Commander-in-Chief, is a Marine, an attorney, a proud Freemason, and an even prouder father and grandfather. He joined the United States Marine Corps after high school, and became one of the first Lance Corporals under the new rank system, earning the Good Conduct Medal along the way -- something that he is still proud of.

Jerry then went to Ball State, and what was then the IU School of Law, Indianapolis, where he earned his law degree in 1973 (my mother was in his graduating class ... small world). He practices law Indianapolis.

Jerry is a Past Master of Charles F Frank Lodge 760 in Zionsville and a plural member of Sugar Creek 279 in Fairland. He earned the KYCH after presiding over the three bodies of Prather York Rite, and is a plural member of more York Rite bod-

ies that I can count. Jerry has been a member of the Indianapolis Valley since 1974, is a sometime tour guide, a member of the Schofield House Board of Directors, and lovingly restores Model "A" Fords.

I join 21 other past Commanders-in-Chief in welcoming Jerry to lead the Consistory officers during the ensuing year.



Dale Wheatley

by Randy Seipel, MSA, Past Most Wise Master

It is an honor and a pleasure to introduce you to Brother Dale Wheatley, newly installed Most Wise Master of the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix. Brother Wheatley was appointed to the Rose Croix Line by Ill Greg Chiles, 33° into the position of Captain of the Guard and he has been a constant presence in the Valley during his progression through the Line.

Introductions of Your New Presiding Officers

Brother Dale has served on many committees, has acted in several membership plays and has participated in countless degrees. Dale comes from a very Masonic family, his late father, Ill Hugh E Wheatley, 33° was a DeMolay, member of Prospect Lodge, AASR Indianapolis Valley, and served Jobs Daughters as Associate Grand Guardian. Dale was also a DeMolay at Prospect and served as Master Councilor was raised in Prospect Lodge, where he served as Master and Past Patron of Prospect OES.

Brother Wheatley has two sons, James and Michael, both DeMolays and both having served as Master Councilors, both are Master Masons as well and were raised at Prospect Lodge.

Dale has been a very active and dedicated member of the Valley so we look forward to Dale's service as Most Wise Master as he brings his experience and personality to the position. I have no doubt the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix is left in good hands as I move into the position of Orator.



Amzie Wenning

by Mike Smith, Past Sovereign Prince

Amzie L Wenning was born to Paul and Sue Wenning on August 23, 1976. He graduated from Corydon High School in 1994, and married his sweetheart, Destiny, in 2001. He is currently employed at Edwards Jones as a financial advisor.

Amzie was raised a Master Mason in Pisgah Lodge 32 where he served as Worshipful Master in 2009. His Masonic journey has continued as he served as High Priest, Illustrious Master, and Eminent Commander in his local York Rite Bodies. He has served on the membership committee and has assisted on the Family Life Committee here at the Valley.

We trust that the confidence we repose in him will prove to the upmost esteem of the members of the Indianapolis Valley and it will be his pleasure to hear, "well done faithful servant" at the end of his two years as Sovereign Prince.



Doug Fick

by Jerry Maple, Past Thrice Potent Master

On May 7, 2014, Douglas D Fick was elected to become the Thrice Potent Master of the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection for the ensuing year.

Doug was born on November 1, 1969 in Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania and graduated from Wilson High School (West Lawn, PA) in 1987. He then went on to Penn State University where he received a Bachelor of Architectural Engineering in 1993. Doug is one of the principals at BSA Life Structures, an architectural engineering firm that specializes in the construction of health care and research facilities.

Doug has earned many professional achievements and recognitions over his career including being a registered Professional Engineer in 12 states, and being a member of the American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers from which he received the Society Distinguished Service Award this year. Also, in his professional life, Doug has received the BSALS Purpose Award in 2008 and the BSALS Chris Christy Community Involvement Award in 2005.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Doug has given much of himself to community service over the years such as being on the Board of the Family Service of Central Indiana, being a part of the Indianapolis Convention and Visitor Bureau, and many others. To simply say that Doug is involved in his community and gives of himself and his time is an understatement.

Doug and his wife, Heather, have two beautiful children -- Keegan, 9 and Claire, 6 and reside in Fishers. The family are members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Masonically, Doug was initiated, passed, and raised in 2000 in Mystic Tie Lodge 398 in Indianapolis. He served that lodge as Master in the year 2005. Doug has been very active at the Scottish Rite through his work on stage in many, many degrees. His contributions, though, has not just been limited to the stage as Doug also is a member of the very important Building and Grounds Committee at the Rite where he is working to maintain and preserve our beautiful facility for generations to come.

We are all looking forward to a great year with Doug at the helm. Let's all welcome him as the new Thrice Potent Master of your Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite.

New Officer Appointments for 2014



Michael E Dempsey

Michael E Dempsey is the newly appointed Master of Ceremonies for the Saraiah Council Princes of Jerusalem. He was born in Indianapolis and was raised a Master Mason in 1997 at Mooresville Lodge 78 where he currently serves as Junior Warden. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1998. He is currently the Grand Venerable Prophet for the Grottoes of North America and will be the Grand Monarch in three years.



He and his wife, Karen, live in Camby, and have two sons, two daughters, and twelve grandchildren. In his spare time he enjoys playing golf, riding his motorcycle, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Mike retired from General Motors in 2008 after 32 years of service as a union rep, machinist, and inspector. He currently owns Dempsey Group, LLC which is a general contractor.

We are proud to have Mike as our new Master of Ceremonies and look forward to his many years of faithful service to the Rite.



Charles L Stark, IV

The Adoniram Lodge of Perfection is pleased to announce the appointment of Charles L Stark, IV (Luke) to the officer line. Luke is a quality engineer for Five Hour Energy. He is originally from Henryville, IN and a graduate of Silver Creek High School. His education continued at Rose Hulman where he graduated with a Baccalaureate in Computer Engineering.



Luke was raised in 2004 at Humboldt Lodge 42 and in the same year joined the Terre Haute

Valley of the Scottish Rite. He quickly became involved in Masonry and was senior deacon prior to moving to Indianapolis. He continued his Masonic involvement and was Master of Charles F Frank Lodge 760 in 2008. He is a past president of Murat Shriners NextGen Club, Hospitaler of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and also active with Calvin Prather York Rite Chapter. Luke has also participated in several degrees at the Valley and is a member of the Social Media Committee.



Bruce J Frazer

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Bruce J Frazer as Standard Bearer in the Indiana Consistory Line. Bruce was born in Indianapolis, on January 16, 1952. He received his Bachelor's Degree with a double major in philosophy and political science from IUPUI in 1979, and his Master's Degree in clinical social work in 1981, also from IUPUI. Brother Bruce has practiced as a clinical psychotherapist since 1978, initially in various institutions, but as a sole practitioner in his own practice since 2003.

Bruce was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on November 22, 2003, as a member of Millersville Lodge 126 and became Worshipful Master in 2009, and is also a plural member of Century Lodge 764.

As to appendant Masonic Bodies, he was High Priest in Joshua Chapter 158 Royal Arch Masons in 2013; Illustrious Master of Hiram's Council 111 in 2013 and Commander of HE Lackey Commandery 67 in 2011. Bruce was inducted into the Knight York Cross of Honour (KYCH) in Robert A Woods Priory 62.

Bruce received his Master Ritualist Award in 2009 and joined the Indianapolis Valley's Knights of St Andrews in 2011 and has participated in a number of speaking roles in the Scottish Rite Degrees, particularly the 19th, 20th, 26th, 28th, 31st, and 32nd Consistory Degrees. Anyone who knows Bruce around the Rite is aware of his superb acting abilities in the various degrees. He will assume the role of Benedict Arnold in that legacy position in the 20th Degree.

Bruce is also a member of the Murat Shrine, where he is a Murat Highlander Piper, a life member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and a member of Marvin L Isley York Rite College.

He and his lovely wife Amy have an adult daughter, Megan. Welcome aboard Bruce!





Christopher Hinshaw

We are also pleased to announce Christopher M Hinshaw as our appointment to the Rose Croix Line. Brother Chris was born on August 5, 1982 in Anderson, IN. A 2003 graduate of Ball State University, he holds the degree of bachelor of science in exercise science.

He is employed at FSG Lighting and is currently working as a consultant with Simon Properties as a Light Program Manager. Chris was raised on April 22, 2008 at Millersville Lodge 126 and is currently the Worshipful Master. He joined the Valley in 2008 and has been in several degrees. He is also a



member of York Rite and the Murat Shrine.

Chris and Angka were married in October 2009, reside in Indianapolis, and enjoy teaching at their church. Earlier this year Chris, followed his calling to go on a mission trip to Thailand to touch the lives of many children. We know with these qualities, Chris will enhance the Rose Croix line as our Captain of the Guard.

Trustees Continue Work at Valley



Part of the Executive Committee gathers after the annual elections (l to r): Paul C St Pierre, was elected to a full term as Trustee after being appointed five months ago filling the position left open with the passing of Bob James, 33° -- Treasurer and Chairman of the Trustees, Gary E Brinley, 33° -- Trustee, Gregory N Jordan, 33° -- Trustee was also re-elected to a second term, and Executive Director Jeffrey K Saunders, 33°. Not shown S Randal Schutz, 33° -- Trustee.

"A Word With You" 

The Power of Prayer

by Dale Wheatley, Most Wise Master

No man should ever enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Deity. Remember that? This is what came to my



mind on the evening of May 7 at our annual election and installation of Officers.

I was honored to be elected and installed as your Most Wise Master for the

ensuing year. It is my greatest and most important undertaking, along with my fellow executive officers, as we continue the work of those that came before us to continue and build upon a greater Rite. After all, the Valley of Indianapolis is the largest in the world.

That being said, I pray every day and not always on great or important undertakings. Although



I have some family and friends who think praying is a waste of time, I realized many years ago that through the power of prayer I have my own personal relationship with God.

Prayer is our way of talking to God. So how many times have you prayed today? I believe most of us know that talking to God can improve our lives in so many ways. He may answer our prayers or maybe even give us answers to questions we didn't even know we were asking. The special relationship between us and God is important and we should take part in it every day.

A passage in the book of **James 4:3** says, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your



pleasures." So when we pray it must come from the heart and be genuine. "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth." (**Psalms 145:18**) We must have faith for our prayer to be powerful.

1 John 5:14-15 tells us, "And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And

if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the request which we have asked from Him." I know this to be true.



Over the past 22 years I have prayed for the safety and well being of my boys, the two greatest blessings the Lord has bestowed upon me, and they are well and happy!

As stated in **Matthew 7:7**, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it will be open to you."

Our faith is one of the many blessings the Lord gives to us all to put us at ease in our everyday lives, simply because he loves us. To me, the most important part of my prayers is to give thanks to the Lord for everything, even in times of trouble. **Psalms 50:15** says, "And call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me." And Psalm 107:1 reminds us, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever."

I pray that the Lord will bless you and keep you, and may his face shine upon you and give you peace, forever and always.

GateKeepers Inaugural Ride

Sat, July 19 • 9:30 am

from the Valley to the Masonic Home

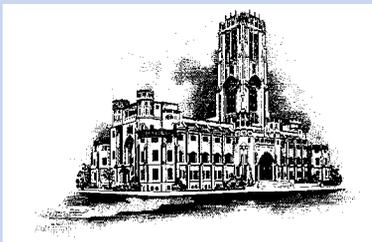
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To the Officers and Members of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis

Date _____

I, _____, (Print name in Full) respectfully show that I am desirous of being admitted as a member of your honorable body, and humbly request that I may be received among you, and I will ever pray for the prosperity and glory of the Fraternity and the welfare of the brethren. In making this application, I promise on my word of honor that should I be elected and become a member of your honorable Body, I subscribe to the following Oath of Fealty:

“I, the undersigned, do hereby promise on my word of honor, and swear true faith, allegiance, and fealty to the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, sitting at its Grand East in the town of Lexington, Massachusetts, and will support and abide by its Constitutions, Orders and Decrees. “That I will hold allegiance to the said Supreme Council and be loyal thereto, as the supreme authority of the Rite; will hold illegal and spurious every other Body that may be established within its Jurisdiction, claiming to be a Supreme Council to which said Supreme Council has not extended due recognition as such; and every other Body of said Rite within the same Jurisdiction that does not hold its powers from said Supreme Council, or from a Supreme Council recognized by it, and will hold no communication whatever in Scottish Rite Masonry with any member of the same nor allow him to visit any Body of the Rite of which I may be a member; and I will dispense justice to my brethren according to the laws of equity and honor. “And should I violate, this, my solemn vow and pledge, I consent to be expelled from Scottish Rite Masonry, and all rights therein and in any Body of the Rite, and to be denounced to every Body of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the world as a traitor and forsworn. “And may God aid me to keep and perform the same. Amen.”

EACH QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED IN FULL

(Please PRINT or TYPE)

When born _____ Place of Birth _____, _____ State
Month, Day, Year City

Resides at _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code

I have resided in the State of Indiana _____ Year(s), and in this County _____ Months / Years (Circle One)

Occupation _____ Give Details

Firm Name _____ Business Address _____

I have never before petitioned for the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

I am now a member of _____ Lodge No. _____ F. & A.M. located at _____ City
Please attach a copy of your current lodge dues

The Rules and Regulations provide A petition for the degrees shall be signed by the applicant s own hand, and by one member of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, who shall certify to his personal acquaintance with the petitioner and his qualifications for membership.

Recommended by: (Please PRINT or TYPE)

Rite No. _____

Resident of _____ County

I am “Bringing a Buddy”, his name is:

Attention Petitioner: Please Complete the information below:

I have personally read the foregoing petition and, in testimony of my full understanding thereof, have with my own hand affixed my signature thereto.

Signed: _____
First Middle Last
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Print Name: _____
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Qualifications and Requirements for Membership

An applicant for the Degrees must be . . .

A Master Mason, 18 years of age or older, in good standing in a regular Symbolic Lodge, recognized by the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana.

A resident of the State of Indiana for one year and within the jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Indianapolis, IN for 6 months.

Applicant must be recommended by at least one member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Indianapolis, IN, who is in good standing and personally acquainted with the applicant.

Applicant must present themselves to receive the degrees within two (2) years from the date this application is received.

No. _____

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Upon receipt of petition and payment of \$150.00, petitioner will receive a temporary Membership Card or “Valley Visa” entitling said petitioner to all the rights and privileges of membership except attending titled meetings of the Valley.

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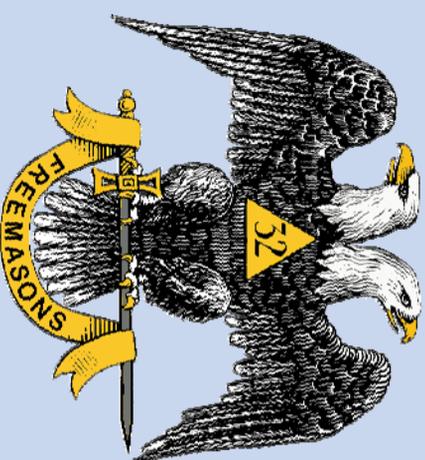
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Tom's Membership Corner

An Invitation to Limitless Networking

I was at a Lodge picnic recently, and overheard a Brother describing why he joined the Scottish Rite. He said he joined for the “networking” opportunities that the Rite offers. From the standpoint that we boast a membership of close to



**Tom Fallis, 33rd
Membership Director**

10,000 Brothers, there is at least one man in every profession of which one could think.

I got to thinking about his point and came to the conclusion that

he is correct in his assessment. This rings true with me at least once a week, and I never consciously thought about it until now.

Whether you attend the meetings or social activities at the Valley, you can still be a part of the “network.” You would be surprised at the number of Scottish Rite Members that belong to your home Lodge. I am sure that these Brothers know of someone that can be of service to you or your family. Additionally, our members are connected via Facebook and LinkedIn.

With more than 850 “friends” on our Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis page, all it takes to find someone or something you are looking for is just a mouse click away. On top of that, several other Valleys are “friended” and they can assist, as well.



This idea of networking is not a new one, neither is it an idea that had its birth with the computer age. This concept is as old as Masonry itself.

Masons have always been looking to support their Brothers in business and will use them over anyone else. Masons have been known to hire other Masons in their companies because they already know the character of the man. It is a fact that George Washington confided in his Brothers and put them in key positions within his armies. Even the Simpsons cartoon series had an episode poking fun at the way that we are.

Yes, it can be argued that each Lodge is its own network; however, each Lodge is limited to 150-200 members on average. With the Scottish Rite, the world is much bigger ... one could even say that it is limitless. Do you know of someone that we can add to our network as a new Brother? Invite them into our world of possibilities.



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7th Annual Ladies Tea & Fashion



It's a family affair! Emma (8 yrs old) and baby Abbie got to be the extended family with Aunt Sandy Curry, Aunt Terri Thurston, Mom Marny Bertel, and Grandma Brenda Bertel at the Ladies Tea last April.

by Beverly Elrod

On Saturday, April 26, more than three hundred ladies gathered in the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Banquet Hall to enjoy family and friends while attending a fund-raiser to benefit the Scottish Rite Children's Dyslexia Center. Upon arrival, guests were enchanted by the variety, beauty, and uniqueness of table decorations, created by each of the 37 table hostesses. Silent auction tables with more than 100 items donated by local businesses and individuals preceded the fabulous luncheon. The presiding officers joined 33 tuxedo-clad men of the Scottish Rite who served the meal.

Photos: Top right -- Ed Adams pours a refill. Center right -- Mom and daughter enjoy time together. Bottom right -- Emcee Greg Jordan tries to sneak a quick bite of his wife's sandwich while hoping not to be seen.

Fighting Fires -- and a Sea Serpent?

by *Aimee E. Newell, PhD*
Director of Collections
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum
& Library, Lexington, MA

At the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library in Lexington, Massachusetts, we actively collect objects to continuously strengthen and improve our existing holdings. Our primary strength is American Masonic and fraternal items and we look for things that tell an engaging story, are in good condition and do not duplicate our existing holdings. Recently, I was contacted by an antiques dealer who had a fascinating painted leather fire bucket for sale. The bucket was in nice condition and had a square and compasses symbol on the front above a pair of clasped hands and the name "J. Beach." At the top of the bucket, a painted banner read "Friendship in Adversity." On first glance it looked like a terrific addition to our collection.

My first step was to analyze it according to our collecting criteria as described above. So I searched our collections database to see just how many fire buckets we already have. Imagine my surprise to find the one pictured here, which the Museum purchased in 1981 – it was almost identical to the photo that the dealer had sent me. While we are fortunate to have a large storage area at the Museum, space is always finite, so I passed on buying the second one and promptly did some research on the one we already owned.

Antiques are rare and valued for a reason – as time passes objects break, get lost, thrown away and disintegrate. Yet, before they became antiques, they were often common household items. While it was surprising to turn up two fire buckets with almost identical decoration, it shouldn't be unexpected. During the 1700s and early 1800s, most households had at least a couple of buckets like these ones. They were often the most effective

way to combat a fire. Local residents could line up and form a bucket brigade passing buckets from hand to hand to try and quench the blaze. Decorating them with symbols and the owner's name meant that they would be easy to return when the fire was over.



Groups of local residents also formed fire companies or societies to assist with fighting fires in their neighborhoods. It makes sense that these local groups would procure fire buckets with similar decoration – as is the case with these two buckets. The Museum's bucket is almost identical to the one that was owned by J Beach – virtually the only difference is the owner's name – Z Stevens – and the date it was presumably made – 1799. Thanks to an email with a colleague, Timothy Winkle, associate curator in the Division of Home and Community Life at the National Museum of American History, I was able to determine that John Beach and Zachariah Stevens were members of the Masonick Fire Society in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Formed in 1789, the Masonick Fire Society aimed to "be helpful to each other in extinguishing [fires in Gloucester], and in saving and taking the utmost care of each other's goods." The printed "Rules and Orders" go on to require that each member "always keep ready, two good Leather Buckets, and two strong bags." Members of the Society were also required to be "an approved Mason." Indeed, both John Beach and Zachariah Stevens, who owned the fire buckets, were members of Gloucester's Tyrian Lodge. Beach was raised in 1779 and served the lodge as Master in 1802. Stevens was raised in 1804.

Thanks again to Timothy Winkle, I discovered that Stevens was a witness to the "sea serpent" sighted in Gloucester in 1817. Starting in August 1817 and continuing for the next few years, reports of a strange sea creature off the coast of Gloucester began to circulate. The accuracy of these accounts was debated throughout the country and never conclusively resolved. But this rather outlandish tale adds another layer of interesting history to Stevens' Masonic fire bucket. And keep your eyes peeled – there may be other fire buckets just like this one waiting to be discovered!



If you have any Scottish Rite objects that you would like to donate to the Museum & Library's collection, please contact Aimee E Newell, PhD, Director of Collections, anewell@monh.org or 781-457-4144.



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by Jim Keating, Butler University English Dept.

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Another former graduate said that we helped him “graduate from high school with a B+ average...and apply to five universities and get accepted to all of them.”

Many students with dyslexia drop out of school so it is very gratifying to see this has not been the case with students who have gone through the Children’s Learning Center here at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

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**Masonic Day at Colts Game
Saturday, August 23, 2014 - 8 pm**

Colts vs Saints. Grand Lodge has partnered with the Indianapolis Colts to celebrate Masonic Day at Lucas Oil Stadium. In support of this endeavor, the Indiana Council of Deliberation has purchased 200 tickets for Scottish Rite members. 400 members of the Masonic family will be able to be on the field and participate in the pre-game flag presentation in full Masonic regalia. Ticket reservations are now available by calling 317 -262-3100. Please advise if you want a spot on the field. Tickets are \$98 each.

