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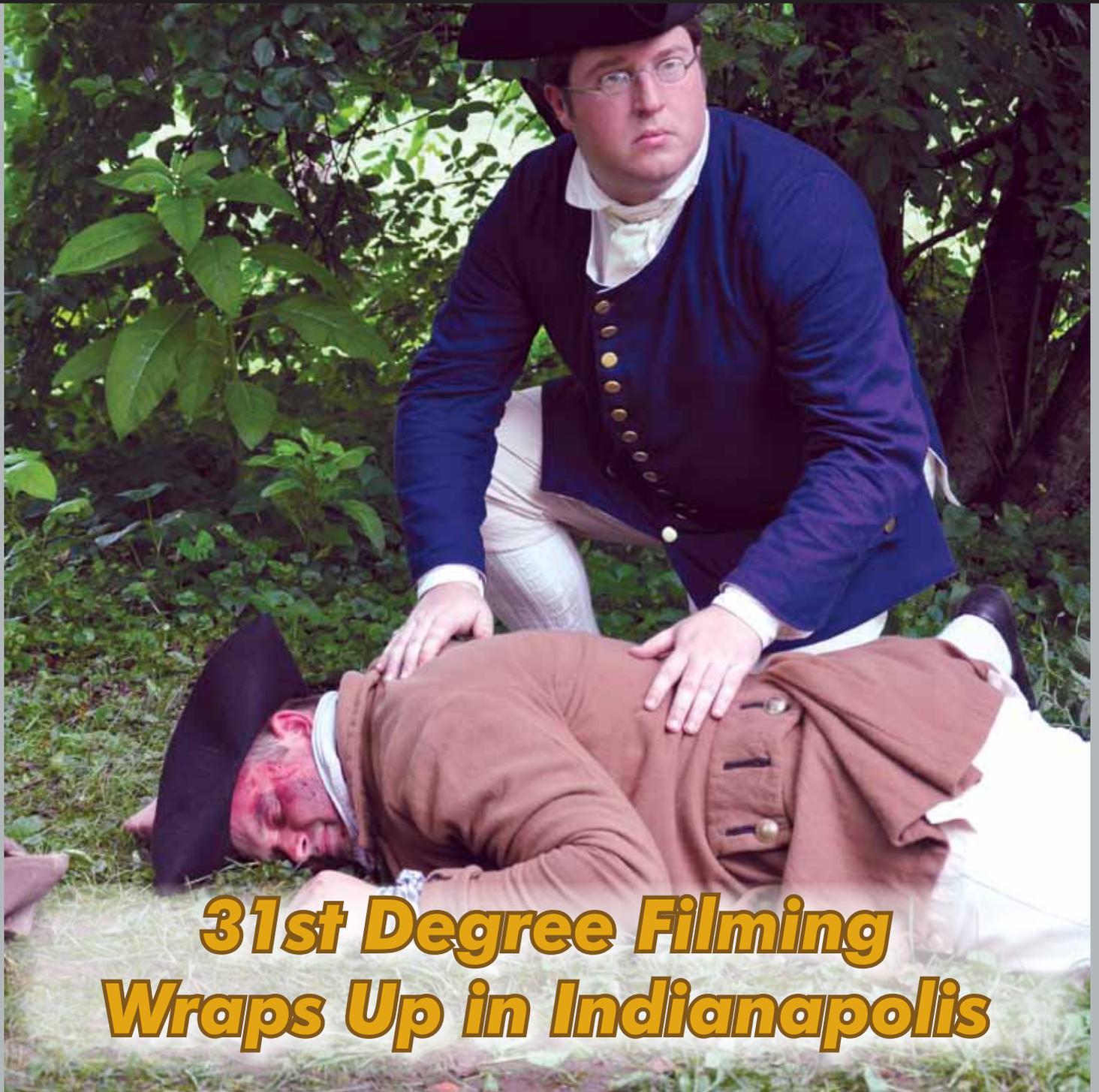
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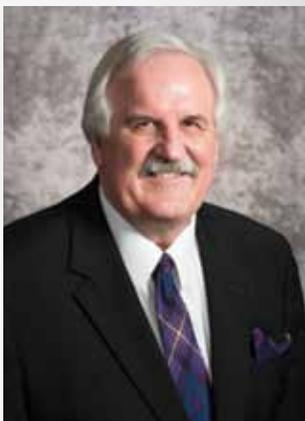


**31st Degree Filming
Wraps Up in Indianapolis**

From the Northeast Corner

Looking Forward

The Valley celebrated the service of Jeff Saunders as Executive Director on May 31 in the Ballroom. This offered a time of reflection on the past 15 years. We also pause as we look to the future of the Valley.



The Challenges the Valley faces have been well documented. I would rather think about the positives. We are the largest Valley in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Your Valley Officers plan activities for you to participate in each month. Our Stated Meetings are well attended with dinner in the Double Eagle Café before each meeting. Degrees are portrayed at most of the meetings with programs of interest at the others.

The Bean Supper is still the most well-attended event on the calendar. The Valley has Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, Board Game Nights, and Halloween Party. That just takes us through the end of October. Take time to review the calendar and attend one of the events. Bring your family to one of the family events. Take advantage of the privilege of membership in the Valley. See you at the Rite!

Rodney A. Mann
Executive Director

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12,000 Visits in Nine Years, Sparks Retires

by J Mark Dill, 33° & Jeff Saunders, 33°

Ill Ronald W Sparks, 33° has retired from the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation after serving a critical role of visiting Valley members since early 2006. Many of you have had visits from Ron as he brought news about the Valley, our beautiful Cathedral and Foundation programs. He has been the attentive ear of the Valley and also served as Hospitaler, hearing needs of members and how the Valley might help.'

Since 2006, Ron has also served as Field Representative for the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation. During this time Ron has been in all 51 counties of the Indianapolis Valley at least once visiting members. This area extends from Kentland in the north to Corydon in the south and from Crawfordsville in the west to Richmond in the east. Ron was able to share with our members the activities occurring in the Cathedral, gifting opportunities available to the Foundation, and serve as

ambassador to members who were not always able to visit the Cathedral. Ron made more than 12,000 members visits in the nine years he worked for the Cathedral Foundation either by face-to-face sit-downs or through follow-up correspondence by mail.

Ron is a Past Master of Bridgeport Lodge 162 and joined the Valley in 1973. He became active in degree work and served Saraiah Council as Sovereign Prince in 1996-98. He received the 33rd degree in 1999 in Atlantic City. Ron was also active in the Murat Shrine Dramatic Cast.

The Valley has been well served by Ron's cheerful and friendly attitude and we wish he and his lovely wife, Karen, all the best in their retirement years. Thank you, Ron, for a job well done.

'Round the Rite

Abbott Scholarships Announced

The Indianapolis Valley Scholarship Committee has announced winners of college scholarships for 2015. Funds from the Supreme Council Abbott Scholarship program, along with matching funds from the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis Foundation, Inc. brings the total to \$24,500 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.

ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2015

Markanda Baugh	Indiana State University
Margaret Christy	Purdue University
Taylor Condre	Franklin College
Jase Crehan	Ball State University
Jennifer Horine	Butler University
Abigail Lipetz	University of Southern Indiana
Allison Lipetz	Ball State University

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 Iowa State University
 Butler University
 Indiana State University
 Vincennes University
 Bellarmine University
 Manchester University
 Butler University
 Marian University
 Purdue University
 Indiana University East
 St Joseph's University
 Indiana University



The Grand Master's Class for 2015 was held on April 17-18 in the Indianapolis Valley with the Scottish Rite Degrees conferred following the three degrees of Masonry. Millersville Lodge 126 initiated the more than 40 candidates while the Marvin L Isley York Rite College passed the group on the Fellowcraft Degree on Friday evening. Calvin Prather 717 then raised the candidates on Saturday morning.

Miller, Fick, & Lewis Honored at Officer's Reception

Three Valley Officers Honored for Service



Jerry Miller

by Philip D Herthel, MSA, Commander-In-Chief

On behalf of the officers of the Indiana Consistory, I would like to congratulate Jerry Miller on a successful term as Commander-In-Chief. It has been my pleasure to serve as a Consistory officer alongside Jerry for the past six years. He always brought a level of knowledge, dignity, and experience to office in which he served. He balanced these traits with an easy camaraderie and sense of humor among his fellow officers. I consider myself fortunate to be following such a knowledgeable individual, a dedicated Mason, and a good friend in the office of Commander-In-Chief.



Outgoing Commander-in-Chief, Jerry Miller, accompanied by his wife, Cindy, was honored for his service to the Valley. Jeff Karnes, 33° appointed Jerry to the line in 2008.

It was during Jerry's term that the winter/spring district degree day was moved into the Cathedral, with buses bringing candidates from some of our more distant counties. I know this move was appreciated by both the actors and the crew, as it allowed us to portray the degrees in our home theatre. I'm happy to say this is a tradition which will continue this year. Jerry also presided over the video taping of the 20th degree by the Supreme Council. It is a tremendous compliment to both Jerry and our Consistory that the entire cast was drawn from our Valley. The Indianapolis Valley has always prided itself on the quality of the ritual work, and this has been proven out by the

number of our members who have appeared in Supreme Council degree videos.

Speaking of the 20th degree, I know a number of our members, myself included, will never forget seeing Jerry as Benedict Arnold. What our members may not know is that Jerry is an American history buff. He thoroughly researched the part, going so far as having a period pair of glasses made, which he used on stage. Of all the degrees, the 20th has always been Jerry's favorite. His appreciation of the degree always came through in his performance, and made the 20th degree that much more memorable to the candidates.

Jerry joined our Valley back in the mid-1970s, but he was rather busy raising a family and building a law practice. After taking a few years off to tend to those things, he became very active in our fraternity. It has been my pleasure to work with Jerry in the Lodge, York Rite, and our Scottish Rite. I know I speak for the whole of the Indiana Consistory when I say, we have been very fortunate to benefit from both Jerry's life experience and his Masonic knowledge during his time as an officer in our line. Congratulations Jerry, on a terrific year as Commander-In-Chief.



Doug Fick

by James R Dillman, Thrice Potent Master

May is always a somewhat bittersweet month in the Valley of Indianapolis. While the election of officers brings a fresh perspective to the Executive Committee in the form of new leadership, we must also note the departure of presiding officers who have completed their terms of office. Such is the case for outgoing Thrice Potent Master Douglas Fick.

Doug is a Past Master of Mystic Tie Lodge 398 and was appointed to the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection officer line by his Mystic Tie brother, the Illustrious Gregory Jordan, 33°. New challenges seem to arise with each new year and Doug's year as TPM and Chairman of the Executive Committee was no different. An engineer by trade, Doug could always be counted on to meet every challenge analytically and offer a logical solution, but he never lost sight of the fact that the Scottish Rite is a fraternal organization with an obligation to its members that can't be measured in terms of time or money.

Doug is a wonderful example of the kind of man that we should all strive to be and I feel fortunate to have had the



Gregory N Jordan, 33° appointed Doug in 2010 and was on hand to present him with his Thrice Potent Master's jewel. Doug served on the Executive Committee for two years .

opportunity to serve with him for four years. He always has a positive demeanor, a smile on his face, and he is very devoted to his wife, his children, his church, and his career.

Doug was honored and presented with his Past Thrice Potent Master's jewel at an officer's reception in the Cathedral on May 8. On behalf of the entire Valley of Indianapolis, I would like to again thank Doug for his service to the Valley and to the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection.

I am confident that Doug will remain a valuable asset to the Valley and that we can count on him to continue his service for many years to come. We extend our fondest wishes to Doug in all of his future endeavors.



Gary Lewis, 33°

by Jeffrey K Saunders, 33°

Gary W Lewis was honored for his six years of service as a Trustee of the Indianapolis Valley at the annual officers' reception on May 8. His expertise in financial matters was invaluable to the Trustees as the Valley tackled various financial challenges during his tenure. Gary's background includes several years in real estate and along with his present position as an investment advisor he brought important skill sets to the Trustees in managing Cathedral projects. His leadership as a director and officer

of the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation was especially critical during the recent building restoration project as he helped implement programs designed to raise the \$2.5 million needed for the project.

Our Illustrious Brother started his fraternal journey as a member of the Order of DeMolay in his native Ohio, where he was Master Councilor of his local chapter. After coming to Indiana, he joined Southport Lodge 270 in 1982 and that same year became a member of the Valley and Murat Shrine. He immediately became active in the Shrine Clown Unit as "Bubba" and served as Potentate of Murat Shriners in 2000. He then became an officer in Indiana Consistory, serving as Commander-in-Chief in 2006-07. Gary received the 33rd Degree from our Supreme Council in 2000.



Illustrious Gary Lewis, 33° served the Valley for six years as Trustee after completing seven years in the Consistory. Always ready with a huge smile and a firm handshake, Gary liked taking complicated matters and breaking them down into their essential elements. Barbara and Gary call Brown County home.

Gary and his wife, Barb, live in Brown County and made the trip to the Cathedral for many events during his tenure as Trustee. The Valley has indeed been fortunate to have this outstanding Mason provide his business management and passion for the fraternity to a position of leadership in the Scottish Rite.



Two Presiding Officers Make Two Apointments



2015-2016 Presiding Officers (l to r): James R Dillman, Thrice Potent Master, Amzie L Wenning, Sovereign Prince, Dale E Wheatley, Most Wise Master, and, Philip D Herthel, Commander-in-Chief were knighted by Illustrious Robert G Elrod, 33° at the installation ceremony in May. Also elected were Nathan C Brindle, 33°, Jerry B Collins, 33°, and Jerry B Maple to serve as Trustee. Gary C Brinley was re-elected to serve as Treasurer, while Bradley C Wooten and Rodney A Mann, 33° were elected as Tiler and Secretary of the Executive Committee, respectively.



Phil Herthel

by Jerald L Miller, Past Commander-in-Chief

Phil Herthel was elected the new Commander-in-Chief of the Indiana Consistory on May 6, 2015, at the Annual Meeting.

Phil has had an extensive and illustrious Masonic career beginning with his Demolay involvement in 1980 and being Master Councilor in 1981. He was raised a Master Mason in 1986, and was Master of Morristown Lodge in 1994, and Century Lodge in 2006 and 2007. Phil has been High Priest, Illustrious Master, and Commander in his York Rite affiliations and held the prestigious position of Grand High Priest in 2010-2011.

As for his Scottish Rite endeavors, he was initiated in the Fall Class in 1986 and received his MSA in 2000. He has served on the Make-Up committee, Small Props Committee, and

on the MSA and Awards Committees since 2001 in the Council of Deliberation. Phil is probably best known generally for his extensive participation in the Degree Cast since 1987, during which time he attended 27 consecutive years of convocations. Phil is such a good ritualist and actor, as is widely known, that the common thought about Phil among those who regularly participate in the 20th Degree, is that he could probably do every part in the 20th, word perfect, by himself, if he could move around the stage fast enough!

Phil married Chelie Tait on November 12, 1994 in the Cathedral Auditorium, the first member to be married in the Cathedral. They own and operate Saltire Games, a hobby game store, as Phil continues to work as a Certified Residential Appraiser.

Phil brings a plethora of Masonic talent and experience to the position of Commander-in-Chief and will be an excellent addition to the Executive Committee.



Jim Dillman

by Doug Fick, Past Thrice Potent Master

On May 5, 2015 James Dillman was elected Thrice Potent Master of the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection. Jim is a former law enforcement officer who currently works in Indianapolis at the MECA 911 dispatch center. He is an amazing ritualist who can do just about any part in the three Craft degrees, and has been part of the cast in several of the Scottish Rite degrees in recent years.

Jim has an extensive Masonic resume and considerable knowledge of Masonic literature. He was raised in Royal Center Lodge 585 where he is still a member. He served as Worshipful Master of Logan Lodge 575 in 2005 and Lodge Vitruvian 767 in 2011. He is currently President of The Masonic Society, an international Masonic research organization, and is involved in planning the second phase of the Quarry Project, a Masonic conference on research and preservation jointly hosted by TMS, the Masonic Library and Museum Association, and the Masonic Information Center, to be held in Indianapolis in September 2015. He is a past president of the Indianapolis Masonic Temple Association, having served in that position from 2007-2014. He received the Order of Service to Masonry from the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 2008. He is also a member of the Indianapolis York Rite, in which he has presided over all three bodies, and he received the KYCH in 2012.

Please join me in welcoming Jim as the TPM in this exciting year when we will celebrate the Valley's 150th Anniversary and welcome the Supreme Council to our city for its biennial meeting.



J Edward Brandon, Jr

by James R Dillman, Thrice Potent Master

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of J Edward Brandon, Jr. as Captain of the Guard of the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection. Ed is a native of Missouri. He earned a BS Degree in Business Administration from Northeast Missouri State University and a BA Degree in Music Education from the University of Missouri Columbia. He was certified as an Executive Chef in Alanta, GA in 1986. Ed resides in Bloomington and is employed as the Chef/House Manager for Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity at Indiana University.



Ed was raised in November 2013, in Monroe Lodge 22 and currently serves that lodge as Junior

Warden. He is a plural member of St Johns Lodge 20 in Columbus and a member of the Bloomington, Columbus, and Greene County York Rite bodies. Ed serves on the Valley of Indianapolis Membership Committee.

Although young in Masonic years, Ed quickly established a reputation in his Masonic organizations as an enthusiastic, dependable worker with outstanding leadership qualities. Ed adds expertise in a variety of areas that will benefit our leadership team, but perhaps none more important that his experience in working will college-age men. As an organization that sorely needs to attract more young men, the Valley of Indianapolis Scottish Rite is fortunate to have someone so attuned to the psyches, habits, and interests of young men who are prime candidates for Scottish Rite membership.

We welcome Ed to the Lodge of Perfection and we anticipate many valuable contributions from him as he moves through the officer line.



Matthew Lowe

By Philip D Herthel, MSA, Commander-In-Chief

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the new Standard Bearer of the Indiana Consistory, Matthew E Lowe. Matt originally joined the Valley of Terre Haute in 2001, where he served extensively in the degree cast, doing parts in a large number of degrees. I was honored to sign Matt's transfer petition to the Valley of Indianapolis when he moved here in 2011. Matt wasted no time in becoming a veteran in our degree cast. Recently, he has played the part of General Lafayette in the 20th degree, and given the prologue of the 19th degree. In the recent taping of the 20th degree by the Supreme Council, Matt portrayed the part of Colonel Cranston. Matt was honored by the Indianapolis Valley with the "Excellence in the Degree Cast" award in 2014.



Matt is a widely experienced Mason, having served as Master of two Lodges and many positions in the York Rite bodies. In 2013, Matt received the Knight York Cross of Honor.

During his college years, Matt had the opportunity to study abroad in England, obtaining a Master's Degree from Cambridge University. This also gave Matt the opportunity to experience English Masonry. In fact, he still maintains some of his Masonic affiliations from his time in the British Isles.

Please join me in welcoming Matt as the newest officer in the Indiana Consistory.

New Trustee Team Brings Diverse Experience



Paul St Pierre, Illustrious Jerry Collins, 33°, Illustrious Nathan Brindle, 33°, & Jerry Maple bring together a diverse Masonic background to help tackle the issues of managing a building, staff, budget, and membership.

Nathan Brindle, 33°

by Greg Jordan, 33°

Nathan C Brindle, 33° was elected to serve as one of four trustees of the Valley at the annual election. In 1991, he received his Bachelor of Arts from IUPUI and he attended the IU Graduate School for three years as he pursued a Master of Arts in History.

Since 1994, Nathan has worked for L-Soft International, Inc., an internet technology company based in Washington, DC. telecommutes as a Senior Product Engineer for the company.

Nathan was raised in 1999 at Broad Ripple Lodge where he is a Past Master and later served as Secretary until 2007, and he is the first Freemason in his branch of the family. He is a plural member of two other Lodges and served as Master of Dwight L Smith Lodge of Research, UD.

Nathan joined the Valley in the Spring 2000 class. He served the Indianapolis Masonic Temple Association for seven years as Secretary.

Nathan is an adult member of the Boy Scouts of America and has more than 35 years tenure, and in which he continues to serve as a District Committee Member at Large and is the recipient of various scouting awards.

Jerry Collins, 33°

Illustrious Jerry B Collins, 33° was also elected to his first term as Trustee.

Brother Collins served as Commander-in-Chief of the Indiana Consistory in 2003-04 and has participated in many degrees as well as directing allegories during our convocations. Jerry joined the Valley in the Fall Class of 1992. He served the Valley for seven years in the Consistory line before being named as editor of the Valley magazine, the *Double Eagle*, for the past 15 years. Brother Collins and the Indianapolis Valley has been regularly cited during this period as best publication in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction by the Supreme Council.

Illustrious Brother Jerry served Millersville Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1997 and has been Secretary for the past 10 years. He received the 33rd degree at Pittsburgh in 2001 and was a member of the 33rd Degree cast for two years.

Jerry brings a wealth of fraternal and business experience to the Trustees including his professional background as a financial advisor to the senior market, fund raiser, and marketer. A graduate of Indiana University, Jerry and his fiancé, Karen Hawkins, are ready for this new Masonic adventure. We welcome Jerry as a Trustee of Indianapolis Valley.

Jerry Maple

by Jeffrey K Saunders, 33°

At the annual meeting, the members elected Jerry B Maple to complete the unexpired term created when Ill Brother Greg Jordan, 33° was elected as an Active of our Supreme Council. Jerry will serve until being eligible for election to a full term in May 2016.

Brother Maple served as Thrice Potent Master of the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection and Chairman of the Executive Committee in 2013-14 and is a two time Past Master of Pentalpha Lodge 564. He joined the Valley of Indianapolis in the Fall Class of 1995 sponsored by his father, long time Valley worker, Jerry L Maple, MSA. He has been elected to receive the 33rd degree at the next session of the Supreme Council to be held in Indianapolis in September this year.

Jerry brings a wealth of fraternal and business experience to the Trustees including his professional background as President of Huff Steel Company. A graduate of Ball State University, Jerry and his wife, Polly are expecting their first child this summer. We welcome Jerry as a Trustee of Indianapolis Valley.



Memorial Day Remembrances

by Dale E Wheatley, Most Wise Master

Anyone who has heard me give a prayer to our Heavenly Father knows that I always give thanks first and foremost for the blessings he has given.



As I write this article, Memorial Day is a few days away. This is the time of the year that we remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to the service of our country and

the very freedom in which we live, but we also honor those who serve each and every day.

Here in Indianapolis the world sees how we celebrate this beloved holiday as we honor those men and women at the "greatest spectacle in racing" as part of the opening ceremonies.

In Freemasonry, I have been blessed to know and have as brothers those who serve. A few of my brothers, that are no longer with us, have had the greatest impact on me and they are my true heroes.

They are from the Greatest Generation. We all have seen movies or TV shows of stories from World War II, but to hear the personal stories from the men themselves is a history lesson we won't get anywhere else.

From Brother William Kidwell MSA, who served in the 1st Army and was in every major battle during the

Second World War. Brother Kidwell once walked through a field to run wire to set up a communication post only to find out later it was actually a mine field and that others who came after him tripped the mines. Brother Kidwell also lost several friends at the landing of Normandy on Omaha Beach when their landing craft was riddled with bullets as the ramp opened. Brother Bill quickly went over the side which spared his life. Despite all he went through during his service he came home without a scratch.

Brother William Earl, MSA, who began his service at the beginning of the war, spent time on loan to the Royal Air Force. He told me about his experience serving with them and how he was treated differently because of being an American. While the British received half of an English muffin with marmalade and hot tea, he received eggs, bacon, toast, coffee and juice. Brother Earl later served with the American Air Corps as one who maintained guns on B-17s and who also filled in for sick crew members on missions over Germany.

Illustrious Raymond Schwartz, 33°, was a radio operator on a B-29 that caught fire after making an emergency crash landing. Brother Ray defied orders in order to save the lives of several crew members.

While they were tilers and I worked safety, I only learned of their stories by asking questions as I worked with them over a few years at the Cathedral. They were very humbled and almost shy as they told me their experiences.

These brothers truly believe they were not heroes, but were simply doing a job to defeat the Axis Powers. Regardless how you look at it, these brothers along with others who served during the war achieved incredible obstacles at such an early age.

We have been blessed in our valley to have many members who serve in all branches of the US Armed Forces. We see just a few during the conferral of the 32nd degree.

I give thanks to our Heavenly Father for these brothers and their commitment to serve and protect our freedom which we live each and every day.

To all of you who have served, currently serve, or will serve, I say THANK YOU!

"Brother Ray defied orders to save the lives of several crew members. . ."

"A few of my brothers had the greatest impact on me and are true heroes. . ."



Filming a New 31st Degree: My Brother's Keeper

On a damp Wednesday morning in mid-June, Illustrious Brother Paul Page, 33°, assembled his cast and crew at Holliday Park on the northside of Indianapolis to film portions of the new Scottish Rite 31st Degree before moving indoors later that afternoon.

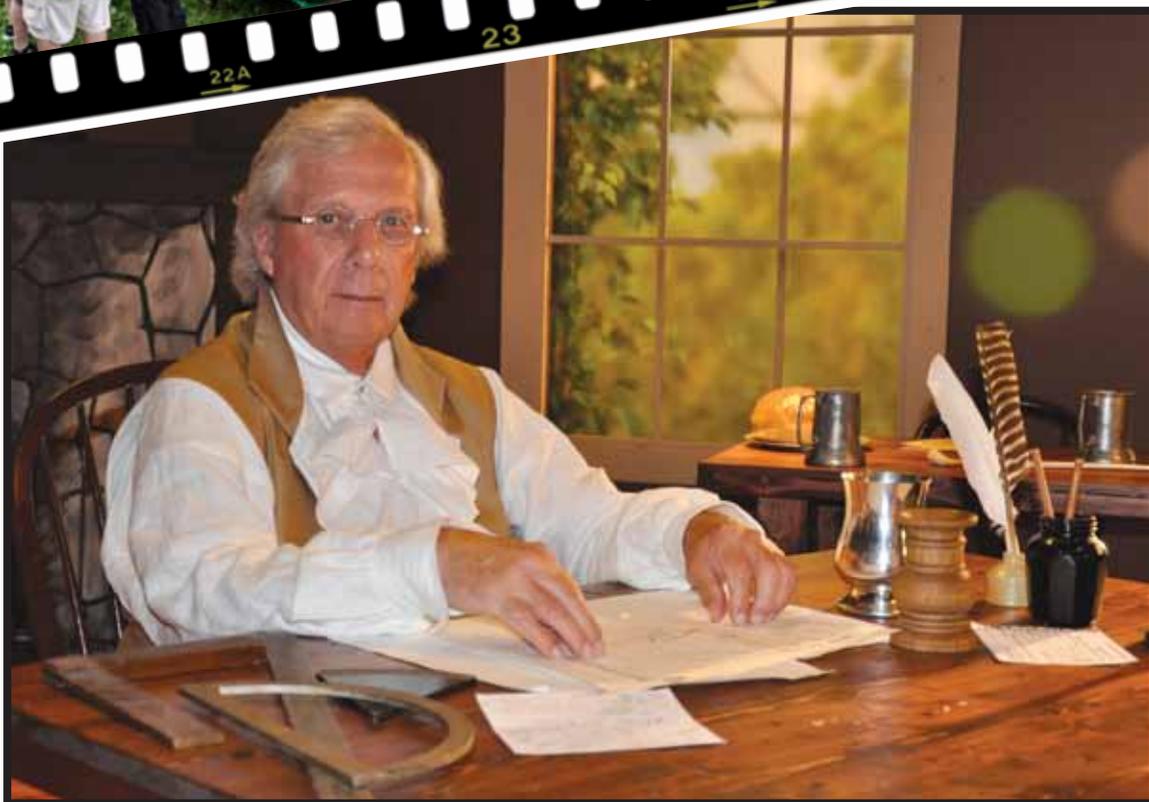
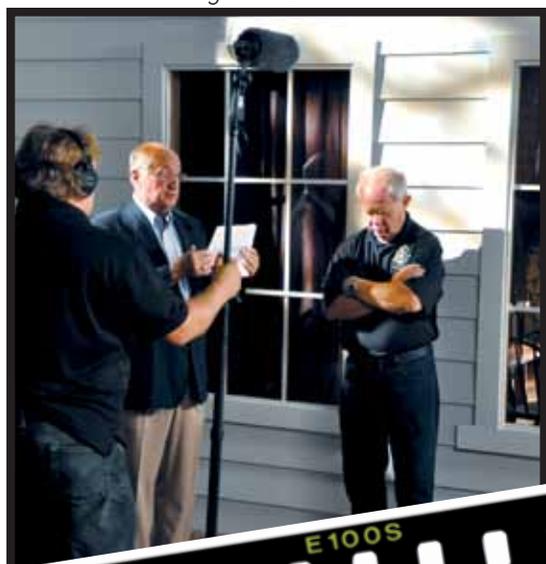
The entire degree was filmed in one day and includes Illustrious Deputy Gail Kemp, 33°, as the prologuist who begins the degree with a visit to the Green Dragon Tavern -- an important Masonic meeting place in our War for Independence.



Director Paul Page discusses a camera angle with his team while trying to keep dry during a brief rain shower.



A camera drone gives a dramatic view of one of the scenes.



The degree is set in Boston in the famed Green Dragon Tavern when an aged Paul Revere (Jerry Miller) recalls an important occasion that demonstrates a Masonic principle of caring for each other. Cast members included Jeff Karnes, 33°, Jon Elrod, 33°, Matt Lowe, Bruce Frazer, Andy Hoffman, Mike Dempsey, Jim Catania, and Rich Stevens.

Tom's Membership Corner

The Messenger of Good News

The phone is an incredible invention, but the way we view it has changed over the years. From my earliest memories, when the phone would ring, my Brother and I would race to the phone to answer it. It was a simple wall mount phone with a rotary dial that seemed



**Tom Fallis, 33°
Membership Director**

like it took forever to dial a simple, local, 7-digit number, let alone an 11-digit long distance call. Then the phone evolved from that rotary dial to the revolutionary touch tone, then to the cordless phones with an answering machine built in. Then we proceeded to the new technology, the cell

phone. Even it had its own evolution from corded, to bag phones, to the ones that were the size of a brick, to the smart phones that we have today.

As the types of phones have changed, so have our attitudes toward the importance of each call. From racing to the phone to greet the anonymous person on the other end, to just letting the machine get it so we can rate the importance of the call after listening to the voice mail message. The cell phone has replaced the land line in the majority of the households in the United States.

The phone has been the messenger of good news and bad, unwanted sales calls and surveys, and political calls. It is the mode of connecting to old friends in need and receiving news of a birth in the family.



In July, the Membership Committee will implement the Brother-to-Brother calling program. We will be making calls to you, the member, just to say "Hi" and see how you're doing. These will not be sales calls for money. We just want to connect with you and see "what's up"?

The only down side to this program is incorrect or disconnected numbers. It has been several years since most of you have joined, and our records are a little dated. If you have disconnected your land line and have gone to cell service for your primary phone line, then we ask that you contact us and update your records.

In 2007, we made 1000 good cheer calls to members in central Indiana. Those were the best calls that I have ever made. I got to know our members through those calls and got to reconnect with friends that I had not spoken with in some time.

Starting in July, take a page from my past. When the phone rings, run to answer it. I could just be a Brother that wants nothing more than to see how you are getting along.



Friends of Jeff and Linda Saunders were welcomed to a reception at the Valley in May to honor Jeff's 15 years of service as our Executive Director. Nearly 200 people honored his service and we all wish him well on his next life adventure.

Murder Mystery Theatre

Saturday September 19 - 6:30 PM

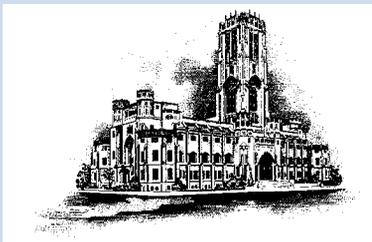
Ticket price is \$30 for dinner and theatre @ 317-262-3100

Back by popular demand, we will be presenting *Café Murder* by Nathan Hartswick. Rosemary Saint-John is a loud, annoying hypochondriac convinced she is allergic to water. She is celebrating her birthday at a restaurant, when she disappears. Everyone including the audience has their thoughts on who did it. In between the laughter and debate, the mystery unfurls and we find out if is one of her sisters, the French chef, the polite maître d', the sarcastic waiter, the detective, or maybe all of them "did it." Bring all of your friends and support your valley in this fantastic evening out.

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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.”

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Month, Day, Year City

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Street City State

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Occupation _____
Give Details

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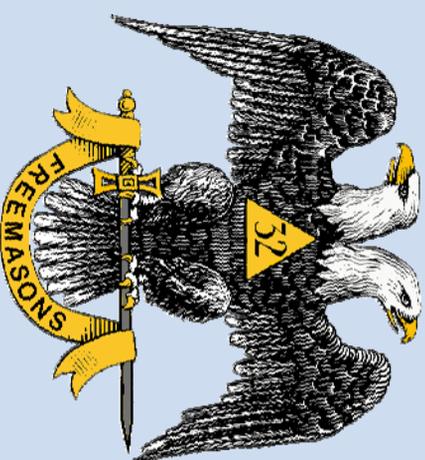
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A Master's Chair from Ohio

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

One of the most unusual items in the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library collection is a handcrafted Master's chair fashioned in a rural style and painted with Masonic symbols. Some of the paint used on the chair employs metallic powders, which would have glowed under the lodge room lights.

The chair was made around 1870 and is marked by maker John Luker (b. 1838). Another inscription on the chair reads "JHM Houston's." Historical records tell us that Houston was Master of Swan Lodge No. 358 in New Mount Pleasant, Vinton County, Ohio, from 1867 to 1873. The lodge was relatively new when the chair was made, having been chartered in 1866. In 1871, a new lodge building was dedicated, so the chair may have been made for the new space. The chair came to the Museum & Library accompanied by a pair of matching columns and two candlestands (presumably a third completed the set originally, but is now lost).

Records about maker John Luker's life are sparse. His Masonic membership is unclear, although a Joseph Luker was initiated into Swan Lodge in 1870. That same year, John Luker is listed on the U.S. Census as living in Washington Township, part of Ohio's Hocking County, and north of Vinton County, where the chair was used. At the time, Joseph Luker, 21 years old and presumably John's younger brother, was living in the same house. Joseph's job is listed as "metallic roofing business," suggesting a supplier for the metallic powders that John used when painting the chair.

The chair is decorated with Masonic symbols. The most prominent symbol appears at top center – a square

and compasses with G in the center. When the chair was originally painted, the G must have stood out – it was painted bright blue and has blue glass mixed in, giving it a texture that glints in light. The sides of the chair's back form columns topped with globes. Additional symbols are painted on the back, the arms and front of the seat, including five-point stars, candelabra, sabers, an apron with an



Masonic Master's Chair, ca. 1870, John Luker (b. 1838), Vinton County or Hocking County, Ohio, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library collection, gift of the estate of Charles V. Hagler, 85.20.1.1. Photograph by David Bohl.

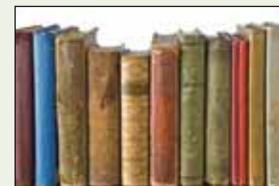
all-seeing eye on the flap, and a cabletow. In addition, there are symbols for officers – a square, level and plumb; a slipper representing the Entered Apprentice degree; and symbol for the Royal Arch Mark Master – chisels, crossed mallets and an archway with a keystone.

The symbols are painted onto the chair, but give an appearance comparable to popular inlay motifs on high-style furniture from the mid- and late-1800s. Inlay was often made of mahogany or ivo-

ry, materials that were expensive and hard to find, so were used sparingly. The inlay was usually darker or lighter than the base wood. This contrast set off these elements and motifs. Many of the painted motifs on this chair are lighter than the darker blue paint.

The chair's maker mixed elements of several furniture styles. The "legs" are X-shaped supports known as "Grecian" or "curule" bases. Initially made popular in the 1810s and 1820s by high-style craftsmen like Duncan Phyfe (1795-1856), this element enjoyed a resurgence as part of the Renaissance Revival in the 1860s and 1870s, when this chair was made. The "curule" style was originally taken from a Roman magistrate's folding chair. And, the carved paw-shaped feet seem to be inspired by the elegant call and claw feet that were so common on Chippendale-style furniture from the 1760s. By combining these features, this Master's chair is a wonderful example of folk art and rural style.

The chair is currently featured in the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's exhibition, "Every Variety of Painting for Lodges": Decorated Furniture, Paintings and Ritual Objects from the Collection, which is on view until September 12 2015.



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.

New Director for Our Learning Center

by Jim Keating

The Board of Governors of the Children's Dyslexia Center is happy to announce the hiring of a new Center Director. Julie Bohannon, BSN, MSN, RN is an experienced educator with a wide and varied background in leadership. Julie served 26 years as a Clinical Instructor and Adjunct Lecturer at the Indiana University School of Nursing in Indianapolis, where she worked in community relations and in partnership development. She also served in student nurse supervision. For this work in 2011, she received the Governor's Communities of Service Award for her partnership with Girls Inc of Greater Indianapolis. Additionally, she served for 33 years in the US Navy Nurse Corps where she oversaw the work of 70



Julie Bohannon

military staff, insuring that they met all standards and requirements related to healthcare reporting, staffing, and budgeting.

Mrs Bohannon is no stranger to our Scottish Rite program. She is a former tutor at the center who worked in the program from 1999 to 2006. She is certified in the Orton-Gillingham approach and is currently taking further training in the procedures for directing center operations.

Interestingly, she is personally familiar with the program as her son was one of its graduates. Since that time he completed high school and is a recent college graduate. She is no stranger to

the ways our program helps young people achieve success.

Julie holds a BSN from Valparaiso University and the MS in Community Health Nursing from Indiana University. She completed the Butler University Basic Language Practicum and Advanced Language Practicum. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honorary, the Junior League of Indianapolis, the International Dyslexia Association, and she serves on the board of directors of the Valparaiso University Guild.

Julie says she is eager to work with our center, "...an organization with honorable core values where I can affect positive change in the lives of others in the community at large. And we look forward to working with her as she begins her term as our new center director.

Our Cathedral stands today as testament to the vision and philanthropy of members and friends who unselfishly committed their time and resources.

Children's Dyslexia Center Contributors

These members and friends of the Valley of Indianapolis are donors who contributed to the the Children's Dyslexia Center from February 1 to April 30, 2015. The Children's Dyslexia Center was established in 1998 to assist all children in overcoming dyslexia.

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Foundation Names New Development Director



Charles DeMaio is the new Director of Development for the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation and brings a wealth of experience in fund development, major gifts and planned giving. He comes to us from the Lambda Chi Alpha Educational Foundation where he was responsible for gifts to the Foundation and was involved in the strategic planning and execution of a capital

campaign, planned giving society and other program to enhance donor engagement. He was able to substantially improve

planned gifts to the Foundation during his tenure. Charlie has also had a long association with Indiana State University including many volunteer fund raising activities plus a two year stint as Vice President of External Relations and Executive Director of Alumni Affairs.

Brother DeMaio is a member of Social Lodge No. 86 in Terre Haute and initially joined Scottish Rite in the Valley of Terre Haute in 1979 before transferring to the Valley of Indianapolis in 1981. He presently lives in Carmel.

Charlie will be reviewing our current donor activities and already has some new ideas on the table to preserve our beautiful Cathedral. The Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation welcomes Charlie to this important position of leadership.

Join the Baxter Bell Society and adopt one of our Carillon Bells starting at a \$3000 donation.

Mark Dill Set Standards High

by Jeff Saunders, 33°

J Mark Dill, 33° retired on May 1 from his position as Director of Major Gifts for the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation. Mark dedicated 11 years to raising funds to preserve our magnificent Cathedral as well as support for our Children's Dyslexia Center. Mark came to the Scottish Rite in 2004 with a passion for fund raising after spending time as a volunteer fund raiser for his alma mater, Wabash College. His prior professional life included 26 years in the agricultural financial services industry.

During Mark's time with the Foundation, he spearheaded several successful initiatives including fund raising for the west entrance canopy, modernization of our elevators and most recently the limestone restoration project over the entire surface of the Cathedral. Popular programs such as the Ashlar Society for donors to honor someone with a brick at the west entrance was also developed and nurtured during his



J Mark Dill, 33°

leadership. Gifts to the Cathedral Foundation during this time totaled \$5.8 million. Mark has also supported funding for our Children's Dyslexia Center with nearly \$1.3 million raised for either the permanent endowment or in support of the Dyslexia Center Board's efforts in raising funds for ongoing operations. Mark was personally involved in these commitments and was often the first donor to start a project rolling.

Illustrious Brother Dill began his Masonic journey in Lake Lodge 157, later transferring to Carmel Lodge 421. He joined the Valley of Indianapolis in 1997 and received the 33rd degree from our Supreme Council in 2008. He is also a member of Murat Shrine. Mark and his wife Monica live in Carmel. We express our heartfelt appreciation to Mark for a job well done and a well-deserved retirement knowing that he made a significant contribution to the life of our Valley and beautiful Cathedral.

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Campaign for the Cathedral

It's an Honor and a Privilege

It's an honor and privilege to have been chosen to follow in the footsteps of Mark Dill as the Valley's Director of Development. His devotion and dedication to the betterment of the Scottish Rite Cathedral knows no peer. When chosen for this position, I was humbled by the honor. Like all good Brothers I will strive to continually improve the Fraternity and the most iconic building not only in Indianapolis, but the Midwest.

Over the past few years, a lot of work has been done to stabilize and improve the Cathedral's physical infrastructure. As with all buildings of age there is a continuing effort to plan ahead for contingencies. Our team of dedicated professionals has done an outstanding job of maintaining the Cathedral. As technology changes so do the opportunities to improve the functioning of the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Anticipating and planning in advance is an essential part of future of the Cathedral. Our members have

been asked often times to support the restoration efforts of the Cathedral. Planning not only involves the immediate requirements of the Cathedral but involves the long term needs of the building. Your Cathedral Foundation staff will be conducting a comprehensive review of all the assets at our disposal. One important area will be the endowment. As we move forward, your input will be critical and your opinions and insight will be invaluable in aiding our efforts.

Over the past few weeks I've had the pleasure to have met many of the Brothers in the Fraternity. That effort will continue into the future. If you wish to share your thoughts and sentiments please contact me at your convenience. We all share in the desire to preserve and improve our Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Charlie DeMaio

Director of Development
The Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation

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Through the Cathedral Window

Indianapolis Portrays the 20th Degree for the Camera and Posterity



Forty-one brothers of the Indianapolis Valley spent five days in April and May filming the 20th degree for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Supreme Council. The 7th floor of the Grand Lodge Building was transformed to replicate a late 18th century lodge room. Dramatic Director Illustrrious Hugh Burns, 33° assembled the cast for the third filming of a degree in Indianapolis. Principle parts of George Washington was portrayed by Illustrrious Joe Looker, 33°, Bruce Frazer as Benedict Arnold, and Illustrrious Michael St Pierre as General Lafayette. The degree was directed by Illustrrious James L Tungate, 33°.