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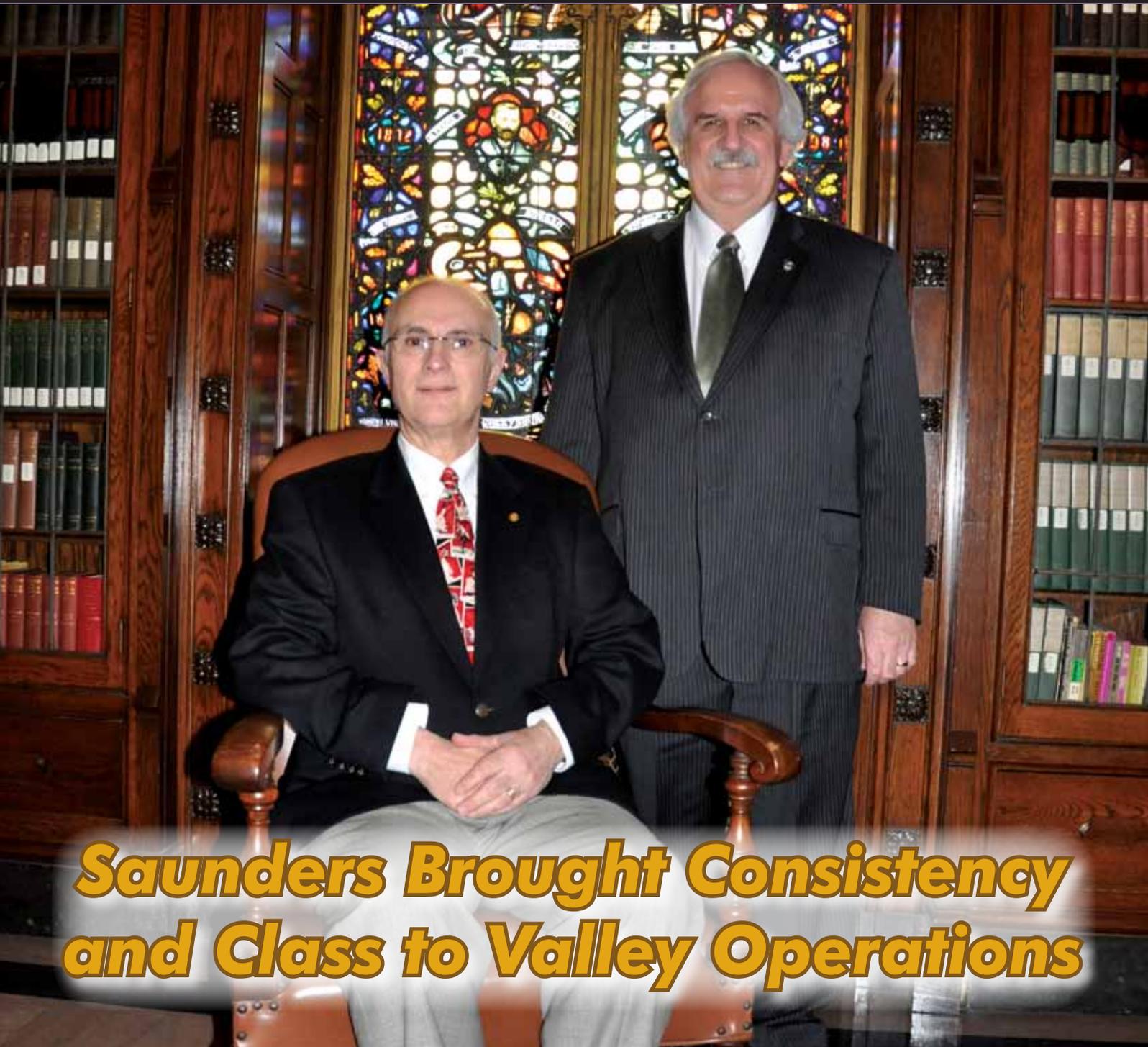
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**Saunders Brought Consistency
and Class to Valley Operations**

How to Build a Membership

Looking Forward to a Positive Future

In this issue you will be introduced to Brother Rodney Mann as the new Executive Director of the Indianapolis Valley. I am excited to have such a capable individual serving in this important post. Having served as a Valley officer for many years including my time as a Rose Croix officer, Valley Treasurer, and the past 15 years as Valley Secretary, it will be exciting for me to find new ways to serve our fraternity.



I am always impressed with the ideas that each new set of officers brings to their time of leadership. One new

idea promoted this past year by our Commander-in-Chief was an innovation on the idea of taking degrees to the local area as the Valley sent out busses to bring brethren to the Cathedral to take the degrees. More than half of those riding on the buses were candidates and they were able to meet many brethren and see the Cathedral.

Several years ago, the officers decided to promote the fellowship of the stated meetings by adding conferral of degrees and programs, followed by social hour after the meetings. The February stated meeting had more than 200 brothers in attendance despite a snowstorm to see the 17th Degree and enjoy the company of their brothers, quite a change from the average of 40 members in attendance when we only did a brief business meeting.

I am certain that the new officers to be elected at the May annual meeting will join with our new Executive Director to continue to move the Valley forward. Each of you have a role to play as well in supporting new ways to recruit and retain members or by agreeing to serve on a membership retention call-

ing committee or as part of the membership team in your Lodge.

I look forward to "returning to the ranks" knowing that outstanding officers and dedicated members will continue to lead the greatest Scottish Rite Valley in the world.

Jeffrey K. Saunders
Executive Director
2000-2015

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'Round the Rite

Cover Story

Mann Selected Executive Director

The Executive Committee has named Ill Rodney A Mann, 33° as the Executive Director of the Valley of Indianapolis. He assumed his duties on March 1. Ill Brother Mann has significant experience in the fraternity as well as a varied business background and is well qualified to serve the Scottish Rite in this important position.

He has been a member of the Valley since 1992 and served as an officer in the Lodge of Perfection, culminating with his position as Thrice Potent Master and Chairman of the Executive Committee in 2003-04. He was then elected Treasurer of the Valley for six years ending in 2012. He was on the General Membership Development Committee for several years, including service as Chairman in 2001-02. He is leaving his present business as a partner in an accounting and tax practice.

Immediately after graduation from Miami of Ohio he served as a District Executive for Boy Scouts of America and then embarked on a career in manufacturing, serving as Plant Manager and Vice President of Manufacturing for various firms

in Indiana and Ohio. He also holds two Masters' Degrees in business from Indiana University.



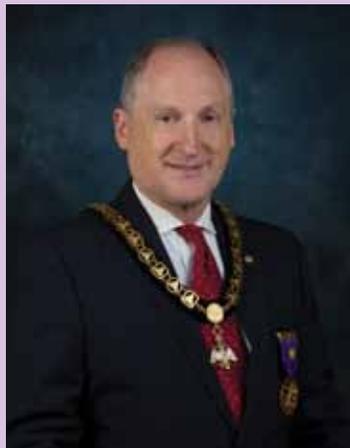
Rodney has served the fraternity in many capacities and is a Past Master of Farmers Lodge, past presiding officer in the Shelbyville York Rite bodies and served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Indiana in 2006-07. He is presently in the progressive line of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, holding the position of Junior Grand Warden and is a long time board member and current President of the Indiana Masonic Home. He received the 33rd degree from our Supreme Council in 2005, and has also been awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

Ill Brother Mann, who was also named Valley Secretary, replaces retiring Executive Director Jeffrey Saunders, who will remain on the staff of the Valley for a few months to assist with the transition. We welcome Rodney Mann to this important position of leadership.

Jordan Elected Active for the Indiana

At the meeting of the Supreme Council in August, Ill Gregory N Jordan, 33° was elected an Active Member from Indiana. In this position, he will be one of 66 voting members of the Supreme Council and will assist the Deputy for Indiana in governing the Scottish Rite bodies in Indiana.

Ill Brother Jordan joined Freemasonry in his native Oregon in 1976, later transferring to Mystic Tie Lodge 398 when coming to Indiana to serve on the staff of the Indiana DeMolay Foundation. He was State Master Councilor of Oregon DeMolay in 1975-76. Greg joined the Valley of Indianapolis in 1977, served as Thrice Potent Master in 2010-11 and was in his second term as Trustee when elected to the Supreme Council. He received his 33rd degree in 2000.



Ill Brother Jordan is also active as a member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation and is serving as President of the Grand Lodge Scholarship Board. He is a long time member of the Board of the Grant-Hamill Foundation and a member of Murat Shrine.

After leaving Indiana DeMolay Foundation as Executive Secretary, Greg served two terms as the elected Treasurer of Marion County and is currently the Senior Vice President of Indiana Operations for Government Utilities Technology Services where he consults with county government officials, primarily on property tax matters.

He has degrees from Central Oregon Community College and Indiana University. We welcome this outstanding Mason to this important position of leadership in the Scottish Rite.

Cover Story

Saunders Stepping Aside After 15 Years

Ill Jeffrey K Saunders, 33° has faithfully served the Valley of Indianapolis as Executive Director since July 2000. I thought it might be interesting to sit down with him and reflect on some of his thoughts about his position and the future of the Valley. --ed.

Q: When you came in as director fifteen years ago was there a mandate of things that needed to happen around here?

There was a very different mandate when I came in. Our previous director was primarily fraternal-oriented and the trustees and others handled a lot of the building projects and business affairs pretty much directly as volunteers and the Foundation was a stand alone entity that reported to a separate Board of Directors. So the selection committee was looking for a CEO-type person -- somebody to pull all that together under one "roof" to help integrate our approach as a Valley.

Q: Did you bring that skill set from your previous employer?

Yes, the relationships that I had as an officer of the Rose Croix line, my experience over many years with DeMolay, and my business experience at Anthem -- everything from manage operations, business development, and mergers and acquisitions helped to bring that together.

Q: So armed with that mandate from the screening committee, were you surprised at what you found once inside and working as the executive director?

No, I guess I wasn't surprised by what I had found. I had been an officer, had worked on the executive committee, and had served as treasurer, so I knew the players, knew how

things worked from a governance standpoint -- which was important from a continuity standpoint. That helped me to be able to relate to members having already walked down that road.

Q: What was your first major task or trial upon taking this position?

Well, the first task that was thrust upon me was the GM's one day class - we had not really had one before. Gail Kemp was GM and the Fall of 2000 class was the first one and there was a lot of controversy doing that concept... but it was very very successful.

Q: Why was this so controversial?

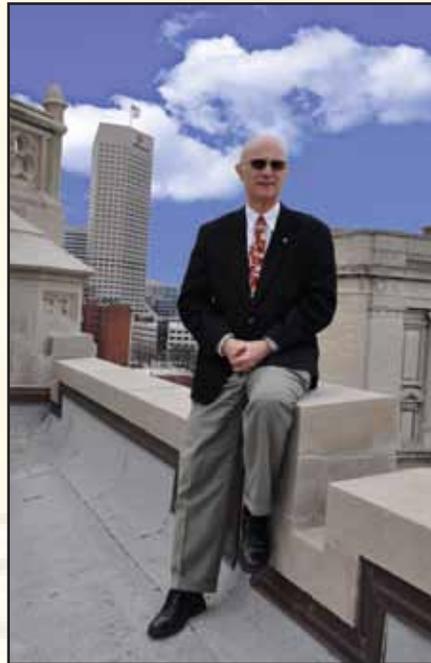
Our members were hearing about this in their Lodges and there was a mind-set about a new way of doing things -- and the Deputy (Bill Anthis) wanted the Valleys to support the Grand Master. What made it a little difficult on my end was that I had just been given the mandate to come in and try to integrate pulling our operations together as I earlier explained and this class, while extremely important, took a lot of time that was not in the initial plan.

Q: What was your next task?

Administratively, to integrate the Foundation staff and activities into the operations of the Valley. We had to refocus our activities so that we had one voice and one office trying to integrate and pull all of our operations from the fraternal side of things, to the building operations, to the Foundation to help define our mission to our members as well as the public. It took a little bit of time to get the hearts and minds of people to go along with this change and getting them integrated with different reporting relationships and filling a few vacancies that had occurred. We also had to coordinate with George Proctor's office (Indiana Masonic Home Foundation) so we didn't step on their efforts -- so there was necessary coordination between our offices.

Q: You have had your challenges over the years with staff, building maintenance, and projects. What were the immediate challenges with maintenance when you came on board?

Our immediate senior maintenance man was retiring so building items took more time that I had anticipated, so we took on a building manager (Kent Watts) to oversee purchasing, project completion, maintenance, and cleaning. Keeping up with the day-to-day manage-



During the past 15 years, Jeff has initiated, planned, spearheaded, and managed many capital building improvements including the emergency \$2.5 million restoration project.

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"... Building-wise, fraternal events should always come first. . ."

ment of the building was just too much to add to the Executive Director position.

Q: A decreasing membership has certainly provided you with some challenges over the years with replacing that income to operate the building. Your money management

experience with Blue Cross must have come in very handy with attacking this issue.

Yes, we have increased significantly the percentage of non-mem-

bership income over the years from 20% of revenue to around 40% today that includes building rental, catering, office lease, and parking. That is a number that we have always tried to manage carefully not only from a tax standpoint, but also philosophically because if, all of a sudden, a majority of your revenue comes from rental, then you have a tendency to make decisions based on what's best for "rental" and not what's best for fraternity -- and you don't really want to do that.

Over the years, the officers viewpoints and thoughts about rental income has changed. Everybody understood the necessity of it at the time, but to what degree do we do this. Now the officers are very open to taking a look at an event that may conflict with a fraternal event and seeing what can be done to accommodate both. This is clearly a change from 15

years ago and has also forced officers to plan events much farther in advance.

Q: So, in your view, have we maxed out the building rental in days/space available? Could we charge more for events in our building?

Our weekends are pretty full – we still have space on the weekdays, but without parking availability due to our daily rental. We survey the market periodically and are among the top-tier of our competition for what we charge. The challenge I see for our new leadership is – and this is going to be a trite term – but "right-sizing" the facility to the needs of the organization. We have more building here than what we need for our fraternal events.

I have looked at other Valleys and what they have done with their footprint but that doesn't mean we need to get out of this building and look elsewhere for something smaller. It may mean that we could look to expand on something we did last year by offering other non-profits with office space within the building.

We have to be cognizant not to detract from the fraternal mission with

this type of decision. Fraternal events should always come first.

Q: Let's talk about our degree presentations and particularly about our road shows.

The way we are putting on degrees is evolving. I'd say that the Scottish Rite has been a leader among the entire fraternity by offering clarity and innovative approaches to exhibiting our lessons. The Scottish Rite has not tried to look at an existing degree and update it to the modern world, but what is the modern precept that we're trying to promote and how can I write a degree to match that. We have tried to be sensitive in scheduling degrees to our candidate's needs and time availability.

The evolution of our road show presentations has been an interesting one. We weren't the first Valley to try this – in fact, we were kind of late to the party because of the fine work our members do on stage within our Cathedral. Our geography is probably bigger than any other Valley in the Jurisdiction. So it made sense for us to understand some of our candidate's challenges in getting here. The road shows are much more eco-



Jeff & Linda toured the state as good will ambassadors for the Indianapolis Valley.

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nomical than our in-house convocations. Our first remote degree conferral show was in 2008, under Bob Hancock as our Membership Director. This January, we sent buses out to pick up our candidates as a way of continuing to look at what we are doing to provide inspiration, convenience, and entertainment to our members.

I think it's healthy for the organization to continue to look at new ways to innovate. I've tracked the statistics of members who come to us through these local degree conferrals and after five years, the retention rate is virtually the same as our traditional method.

Q: What was your biggest challenge during your 15-year tenure?

It continues to be, and always has been, membership. Our recruitment and retention continues to be among the leaders of the peer valleys of our fraternity. The challenge is, is that good enough? The resulting loss of membership continues to have an impact on our finances, our ability to pull future leaders from the membership pool, the number and types of events we can put on. . . basically, the overall membership experience.

Related to that is the amount of time that volunteers are willing to give – which has nothing to do with the love that these men have for the fraternity compared to those from 20-30 years ago – it is a direct fact of the competition for one's time in today's society that

has changed this dynamic. Children's activities, business commitments, social obligations, and society in general just runs faster today than it did a generation ago. This has clearly hurt our membership

development efforts – we just don't have the number of people promoting Scottish Rite that we once did.

Q: Had you not been retiring at this point, and had a couple of more years to give, what do you consider still unfinished with the job?

That's a hard one to answer --- I don't think

that I see anything unfinished and I don't think that I am necessarily leaving things better than how I found them because our membership is significantly less and our ability to do some things is diminished. Do I think I have done a reasonable job of adapting to what we had to deal with? Yeah, I do.

I suppose the next challenge will be what we do with regards to the maintenance of the Cathedral. The fraternity is much more than the building but yet I believe that this Cathedral is so unique and so important to the members, that to lose this building would be a significant impact on the life of this Valley. The challenge continues to make sure the building is well maintained, utilized, and financed so that it is available for fraternal use --- because if it becomes just a rental property, then it's not worth keeping.

The members here are very proud of their heritage. I think this will

continue to be a difficult thing to manage: how do we maintain a facility that is larger than we need for fraternal purposes that is being used by Grand Lodge, and other appendant bodies? This building's loss would be a blow to all of Freemasonry.

Q: What would you like to say to our membership upon leaving?

I have tried to be more available and more open to members to sit down and talk about things that are on their mind. One of the things that I regret a bit is that members will usually preface a thought by saying, "I know you're really busy, but..." I can either take that as a compliment meaning I'm doing a lot or I'm giving off some vibe that says I'm too busy to talk to you right now.

I regret that I haven't been able to spend as much time with members as I would have liked. I have never been comfortable sitting back in the office -- I have thoroughly enjoyed being with folks and honored to have been the face of the Indianapolis Valley.

Q: Could I respond to that? I truly believe that the members respect the job you have done and they know you give 100% every time you walk in the building. You are a humble guy and I think that if you were to reflect on the last 15 annual officer installation dinners, not one year has gone by where at least one outgoing officer hasn't truly thanked you for the job you have done and the way you have allowed the officers to grow by facilitating their visions and supporting their decisions.

(See just a handful of well-wishers' comments to Jeff on the back page.)

"I regret not having as much time to sit down with more members ..."

"... how do we continue to maintain a facility that is larger than we need ..."



Grand East Picks Up the Pace on Filming

Supreme Council Recognizes Our Actors



Last November, the Sovereign Grand Commander caused Certificates of Achievement to be issued to 55 Valley members who spent 10 days of preparation and acting in portraying the 4th and 12th Degrees as the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction continues to film degrees for Valleys to use as an

alternative method of conferral. Due to our beautiful cathedral, our extensive costuming, and our brothers' abilities to put on meaningful degrees for our candidates, Indianapolis has once again been called upon to offer our cast for the 20th Degree for late April/early May filming in our facility.



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Indianapolis Scottish Rite Valley - Indpls, IN

FRI & SAT, APRIL 17 & 18

Schedule of Events

Friday

4-6 PM Registration of Candidates

7 PM Entered Apprentice & Fellowcraft degrees

Saturday

8 AM Master Mason degree

Scottish Rite Degrees to follow - 4°, 14°, 19°, 29°, and 32°

Lunch will be held after the 14° and is FREE for Scottish Rite candidates and members.

Following the conclusion of the Master Mason degree, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis will confer the 4°, 14°, 19°, 29°, & 32°. **Note:** All Candidates for the degrees of Symbolic Masonry will need to have a mentor present who can vouch for their eligibility. The mentor will need to bring the apron, Bible and Monitor for each of his candidates. As a reminder, candidates for this class must have been elected prior to April 17, 2015. Contact Rick Purcell for registration at rpurcell@asr-indy.org or 317-262-3122.

Inspirational 

Easter Season is all Year Round

by Eric Vermuellen

Indianapolis Chapter Rose Croix

As Easter approaches, we are reminded again of the impact of the 18th Degree and the obvious link it shares with that well-known springtime celebration that is the highlight of the Christian calendar. There is an understandable misconception that the Rose Croix degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite are exclusively Christian. After all, the focus of the 18th Degree--which is literally the center of the Scottish Rite degrees--is Jesus of Nazareth.



However, as we learn in the 18th Degree, men of all faiths may learn from the life Jesus lived and from the lessons he taught. The concepts imparted by the Nazarene are universal in nature and, in large part, can be recognized within the teachings of most of the major religions of the world. In fact, Easter itself shares many common origins and influences with other religious observances.

The term Easter wasn't always tied to Christianity. Easter was a pagan festival, originating in the worship of other gods, and was introduced later into Christianity in order to legitimize it. Easter is not a biblical term, but rather comes from the name Astarte, a Babylonian goddess whom we are familiar with from the 18th Degree under a different name--Ashtoreth.

Early Christians observed the festival of Pasch, which was an extension of the Jewish feast of the Passover. This was distinct from the traditional Passover in that it was heavily influenced by the story of Jesus.

The secular symbols often associated with Easter--such as Easter eggs and the Easter Bunny--became part of the Easter season that we now know because of their connection to fertility and birth (or, more specifically, re-birth). In several ancient cultures, colored eggs were exchanged during the spring equinox as a symbol of fertility, in large part because people of the time were taken with the notion that new life could spring from an egg. Christians assimilated this tradition, making the Easter egg something of a religious symbol. The seasonal positioning of all these concepts during spring helped ensure that they

would remain linked. Likewise rabbits became meshed with the celebration of Easter because they were extremely potent fertility symbols. Their ability to reproduce in rapid fashion is not just cliché.

So, did Christianity, at some point, trade the religious feast spelled out in the Bible for pagan symbolism? That's debatable. More than 300 years after the death of Jesus, at the Council of Nicaea and with the power of the Roman Emperor Constantine behind it, Easter was solidified as a Christian mainstay.

As we all know as Freemasons, it is up to each of us to synthesize the historical and theological significance of the season and to observe according to what our hearts tell us, while respecting the beliefs of others.



Illustrious Greg Jordan, 33°, Steve Sonafrank, and John Hague are proud members of the Scottish Rite Orchestra under the direction of Jeff Warbinton, 33°. This moment was captured at the annual Children's Christmas Party held last December.

7th Annual Ladies' Tea Fundraiser

Our Men in Black Tie are Waiting for You



Reservations are now being accepted for the popular Day of Tea, Fashion, and More scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2015, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. This event is a perfect way to celebrate mothers, family, and friends while supporting the good work of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis that is housed at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Scottish Rite family members and friends.

Proceeds benefit the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis where children with dyslexia become competent

and confident readers through after-school tutoring provided at no cost to their families. Visit their web site at cdcoi.org for more information regarding this philanthropic endeavor.

The Marketplace will open at 9 am on the mezzanine and will feature new and returning vendors for your shopping enjoyment. From the mezzanine, preview the beautifully decorated lunch tables and prepare to view and bid on silent auction items at 10 am. Enjoy complimentary coffee and tea; a cash bar will offer wine and mixed drinks.



This table from last year's Tea had a lot of fun. We raised \$13,375 at last year's Tea that benefitted the Valley's Children's Dyslexia Center.

Individual tickets may be purchased for \$30, or invite seven of your friends to sit with you at your table for \$240. The hostess reserving the table will decorate her own table by providing a special and personal experience for her guests.

Scottish Rite members will don their tuxes to serve a fabulous luncheon prepared by Thomas Caterers of Distinction. Following lunch, fashions by dressbarn will be modeled by

The deadline for reservations is April 15. A sell-out crowd is expected, so make your reservations early. Call 1-317-262-3104 for information or to purchase tickets.

A Day of Tea, Fashion, & More - Saturday, April 25

Tom's Membership Corner

Advertising for Masons

Advertisers will tell you that you need to have information in front of a consumer at least three times before the consumer catches on to what is being advertised. In this vein, I am going to give you information that is old and new so you can



**Tom Fallis, 33°
Membership Director**

be informed what is coming up with our Convocation schedule.

A Brother's first opportunity to join will be at the Grand Master's Class on April 17 & 18 at the Cathedral. The Scottish Rite portion of the weekend will take place starting at 11 am on the 18th. The candidates will

see five degrees and will be 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Masons by the end of the day.

For our Masonic Brothers in the northern part of the state, we will be traveling to Tipton Lodge 33 in Logansport. On June 6, the officers and cast of the Indianapolis Valley will be loading the bus and will travel to Logansport for our June 3D Class (District Degree Day). Registration will open at 9 am with the degrees starting promptly at 10 am. Like all Indianapolis Valley productions, we will portray five degrees, and as always, the candidates will leave 32nd Degree Masons.

Our annual Convocation/ Reunion will take place on November 13 & 14 at our beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral in

downtown Indianapolis. This class will be in honor of Robert W Holler and Robert G James, both 33rd Degree Masons and two of the finest men that I had the pleasure to have known.

The weekend will begin with dinner on Friday evening followed by the 4th degree. On Saturday, we will fill the day with the finest degree work that will rival the finest Broadway plays. We will not leave the ladies out. They are invited to the Friday night dinner and will receive a tour of the Cathedral while the men are witnessing the degree work in the theater.

On Saturday, the ladies will have a day filled with fun and excitement and a nice lunch at a location to be determined. After the degree work is completed, the ladies will meet back up with their newly elevated 32nd degree significant others for a banquet that is held in their honor. Stay tuned to future *Double Eagle* articles for the lady's schedule. As always, the Lady's Program is always open to new and existing member's ladies.

The initiation fee for all of these events is only \$150 and each candidate will receive a 150th anniversary coin which will only be offered at the classes listed above. The Presiding Officers have a great year planned with many fun and exciting events that are either free or at a reduced cost for members.

Every member of the Valley of Indianapolis knows a Masonic Brother that would benefit from membership in the Scottish Rite. Now is the perfect time to ask him to join.



GMs Class

April 17-18

Five Degrees - Indianapolis Valley

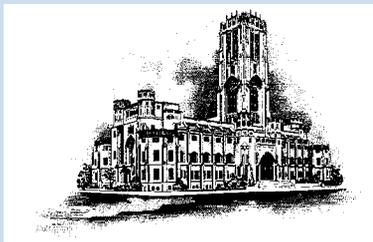
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To the Officers and Members of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis

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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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.

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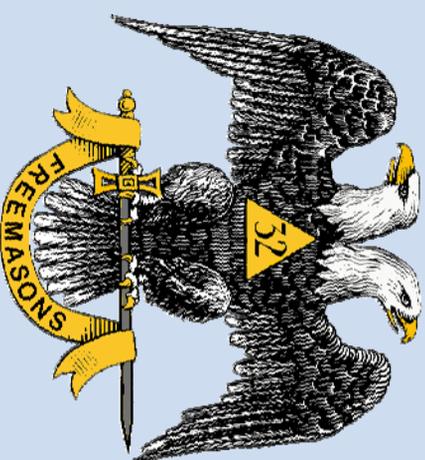
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Telling Time Masonically

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

In March 1866, woodcarver John Haley Bellamy (1836-1914) wrote to his father noting that his brother Elisha was “doing well – making the Masonic brackets.” Between 1866 and 1872, Bellamy designed a number of wooden clock cases, frames and what-not shelves with Masonic symbols, many of which he patented. The survival of so many examples today – including eleven in the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library collection – attests to their popularity at the time.

Despite John Haley Bellamy’s success making Masonic carvings, he was not a Freemason.

There are no records of his membership in New Hampshire, Maine or Massachusetts (all places that he lived).

However, new research by scholar Jim Craig tells us that Bellamy apprenticed with woodcarver Samuel Dockum (b. 1792) of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, who was a Freemason. Dockum joined Portsmouth’s Pythagoras Lodge 33 in 1820. So it’s possible that Bellamy worked on some Masonic-themed items while apprenticing with Dockum. Regardless of whether Bellamy learned about Masonic symbols early in his career, by the 1860s, like many American craftsmen, he saw the potential of the Masonic market.

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library has several clock cases designed by Bellamy in its collection. The one shown here features Knights Templar symbols including the cross and crown and the “In Hoc Signo Vincens” motto.

The patent for this design is dated September 10, 1867, and was assigned to Bellamy and his partner, David A Titcomb. In an 1866 letter to his father

Bellamy writes, “One man employed at the Navy Yard on seeing it and he being [a] “Free Mason” desired that I should allow him to be an agent.” This was Titcomb, who formed a partnership with Bellamy. Titcomb acted as Bellamy’s “lawful attorney” and also spent time acting as a salesman for Bellamy’s carved products. In 1868,

the business was listed as being located in Charlestown, Massachusetts, on the first floor of the Masonic building.

Bellamy also made frames, which were commonly used to hold Masonic certificates and hung in a Mason’s home. One of Bellamy’s earliest frames was patented May 1, 1866. It shows several common Masonic symbols including the all-seeing eye, the square and compasses and the 47th problem of Euclid.

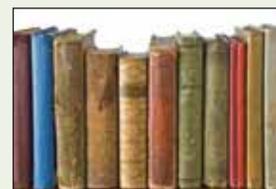
When this particular frame was given to the Museum in 1977, it came with a Master Mason certificate for George Washington Southworth, a member of Golden Fleece Lodge in Lynn, Massachusetts.

Bellamy left Charlestown, Massachusetts, in 1872, and turned to making distinctive eagle carvings for which he has become well-known.

While he never became a Freemason, he did join a fraternal group toward the end of his life – the Knights of the Maccabees. Bellamy may have been attracted by the group’s insurance benefits. The fraternity followed rituals based on the Books of the Maccabees in the Old Testament. By 1896, the Maccabees numbered 182,000 members.

Bellamy’s objects remain to help us understand the “golden age” of fraternal groups during the late 1800s. As more and more Americans were drawn to join, more and more artists and crafts people produced items decorated with the emblems of these groups. Bellamy’s carvings remind us of the popularity of fraternalism and of the intersections between the individual, the community and the country.

IMAGE CREDITS: Knights Templar Shelf Clock, ca. 1867, John Haley Bellamy, Charlestown, Massachusetts, Museum purchase, 98.067a-b. Photograph by David Bohl.



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.

Coming "Rite" Up

500 Festival Parade

Saturday, May 23 – 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 \$25 per person and include reserved parking on the west lot, reserved seating, and a box lunch with drink. Limit of 12 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.



150 Year Anniversary

A commemorative coin has been struck celebrating the upcoming 150th anniversary of the Valley charter on May 19, 2015. Every new member in calendar year 2015 will get one of these free and members may purchase for one for \$20.



Stated Meeting Degrees Portrayals



Mark your calendar now for another degree presentation. On **Wednesday, June 4**, the Monroe County Scottish Rite Club will present the 8th degree. The Double Eagle Café will be open for dinner beginning at 5:30 pm

and the meeting will be held in the auditorium.

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 and enthusiastic group is looking for more members to show their pride in our Scottish Rite Cathedral. Tours are available weekdays from 10 am to 2 pm, and the third Saturday of each month. Contact the Valley office if you would like more information on becoming a Tour Guide.



Orchestra & Chorus

On **Sunday, April 12 at 3 pm**, the Scottish Rite Orchestra will present a delightful afternoon of music for your entertainment.



Once again, on **Sunday, May 3 at 3 pm** the Scottish Rite Orchestra and Chorus will entertain. Tickets are FREE for all members and their guests. No food service prior to this event.

Two Members Complete Their Passports

Two of our relatively new members, James M Riley and Michael C White, members of Scott Lodge 120, became members in February 2013 and have completed their passports for all 29 degrees. Stamps in their passports revealed they had travelled to seven different Valleys in Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Must be some sort of record. Anyway, Congrats to Jim and Mike!

Our Winter 2015 Class of New Candidates



The Winter 2015 Class was initiated on January 31 and was comprised of 40 new members who took the 4th, 14th, 16th, 29th, and the 32nd degrees. The class started promptly at 10 am and the buses pulled out at 4 pm for the return trip home.

Our Presiding Officers came up with this innovative plan to further the idea of ICE: inspiration, convenience, and entertaining convocations.

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Campaign for the Cathedral

Thank you.

The mission of the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation is to raise funds for the preservation and maintenance of this Cathedral and has been my focus for the last 11 years.

Whether it be offering engraved bricks for the Ashlar Society, trees through the Acacia Society to memorialize a loved one, helping establish a charitable gift annuity to provide a lifetime income, attending convocations and offering Scottish Rite items for sale, or whatever we could do for the membership and their philanthropic desires, my personal goal was to help raise funds for the Cathedral Foundation.

Our Field Representative, Ron Sparks, for the past nine years shared this same goal. Ron has been in every county in our Valley at least once and shared gifting opportunities and also provided a liaison to members for the events occurring at the Cathedral.

During this time, the Cathedral Foundation and Children's Dyslexia Center has received more than \$7 million

in gifts and donations. Your generosity has been extraordinary and for that we are truly grateful.



Mark Dill
Director of Major Gifts

Your gifts have created a new entrance on the west side, a new handicapped ramp by the west entrance, replaced the elevators in the building, replaced all the lighting with new energy efficient LED lighting, replaced carpeting in the Hall of Honor, mezzanine, and the third floor, replaced all the old hot water piping throughout the building and most recently helped restore our building's edifice. These are just some of the major improvements your gifts have provided.

Ron Sparks and I will be retiring April 30, 2015, and we say "thank you" for all your support over these past 11 years.

There will certainly be more challenges with our Cathedral as time passes and I'm confident you will continue to be supportive to the basic tenets of our Craft as new leadership embraces this magnificent edifice dedicated to Freemasonry.

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

THE SOCIETY OF CATHEDRAL BUILDERS

Listed here are members and friends of the Valley of Indianapolis who contributed to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation, Inc during the past quarter from November 1, 2014, through January 31, 2015. The Foundation was established in 1984 to preserve and maintain the Scottish Rite Cathedral and recognizes all donors at the level of their gift. Tax deductible gifts may be made by contacting Mark Dill at 317-262-3123.

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A little father-son time was captured at the Children's Christmas Party magic show prior to Santa's arrival.

Children's Dyslexia Center Contributors



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

These members and friends of the Valley of Indianapolis are donors who contributed to the the Children's Dyslexia Center from November 1, 2014, to January 31, 2015. The Children's Dyslexia Center was established in 1998 to assist all children in overcoming dyslexia.

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Through the Cathedral Window

A Humble & Representative 'Farewell'

I was once admonished to always include a bit of ritual when speaking to the Craft. There is a scene in the 32nd Degree when the Commander-in-Chief asks Constans, "how have you prepared for this high employ?" Constans replies, "It is not for me to speak, unless my brethren can answer for me, I am indeed unworthy." Here is a very small sample of our love and affection for Brother Jeff as he faces life's next challenge.

🌹 Jeff, THANK-YOU for your endless time and devotion to our Fraternity and Valley of Indianapolis Particularly. You are the Best! -- Mike Smith

🌹 In the past eleven years I have not worked with anyone more devoted to the Scottish Rite than Jeff Saunders. Fraternal meetings, outside corporate events, constant oversight of the needs of this building, and dealing with the concerns of people on a daily basis required an extremely steady leader. Jeff's attention to preparation, organization, communication and management skills are unmatched. Thank you Jeff for all you have done for the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

-- Mark Dill, 33°

🌹 It was my good fortune as Commander-in-Chief to get to know Jeff Saunders as he began his tenure as Secretary of the Indiana Council of Deliberation. Since I am approaching 89 years of age, it has been my privilege to work with a great many outstanding leaders and administrators over the years. From the beginning of his term, Jeff Saunders was one of those fine leaders and administrators. He was efficient, creative, effective, and especially good natured. Part of his success must be attributed to the great support that he has received from his wife, Linda.

-- Bill Anthis, Active Emeritus

🌹 Jeff has always been there to give guidance at the start of a project. His leadership is unique and he has valuable insight on many things. I'm honored to say that I work not only for an awesome organization but an awesome individual! I am grateful for the things I have learned about Freemasonry under Jeff's leadership. I'm happy that I got to know Linda and all the dogs -- she is truly a wonderful person. Behind a successful man is a remarkable lady. I will miss both of them tremendously.

-- Donna Cofer

🌹 Jeff is the example of what I love most about our brotherhood. He practices pro active brotherhood. He finds what is important to me and cheerfully helps. Cheerful service, truth, and brotherly affection. It's who he is.

-- Paul Page, 33°

🌹 As Commander-in-Chief, I was in charge of the transition to a staff driven membership program. Working with Jeff, I was amazed by the research, analysis and demographic breakdowns that he had already done. When I asked him why he had not shared this information with the leadership, he responded, "I told them it was available, but you are the first one to ask to see it!" The data that he shared was the key to the development and implementation of the program. Today the success of this membership program is a lasting legacy of the leadership of Jeff Saunders.

-- Mike Moxley, 33°

🌹 I wish Jeffrey all the best in the days ahead and sincerely thank him for his service to both Freemasonry and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. His dedication to the Craft has inspired and encouraged many throughout the state of Indiana.

-- John Wm McNaughton, Sovereign Grand Commander

🌹 The greatest Scottish Rite Cathedral in the world opened in 1927, 88 years ago. During the past 15 years, this great facility and fraternity has been managed daily under the watchful eye of our Executive Director, Jeffrey K Saunders. In one capacity or another I have had the distinct honor and privilege of working with Jeff as an officer or trustee during his tenure as Executive Director. Jeff is a true gentleman and the glue that has held the organization together for 15 years. I wish him well in his retirement and future endeavors.

-- Gary K Lewis, 33° - Trustee

🌹 Jeff, Thank You very much for your expert advice in helping me to establish the Knights of Saint Andrew in the Indianapolis Valley. Myself and all of the Knights appreciate all you have done for the Valley and wish you the best in all of your future endeavors.

-- Jeff Karnes, 33°

🌹 Many of our members don't realize the amount of work that Jeff does for our Indiana Council of Deliberation. We are very lucky to have Jeff's experience with the Supreme Council meeting here in Indianapolis this August. He has made Indianapolis known for leadership. Our AASR members around the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction know Jeff too, because of his warm friendship and ability to get things done!

-- Mike St Pierre, 33°, Deputy's Representative

🌹 Jeff, You and I were appointed our present positions with the Valley in the summer of 2000. I want to thank you for your guidance and mentorship as we produce together -- one final time -- our 67th issue of the *Double Eagle* magazine, for our members of the greatest Valley in the world.

-- Jerry Collins, 33°, editor