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**Repairs Continue On Our
Beautiful Lady**



How to Build a Membership

We Are Family

I recently heard a story from one of our members about his daughter going through the process of applying for college. In one instance she learned that she had certain advantages if family members were employed by



the University. She promptly referenced two uncles who were professors there. Her father was a bit confused until she explained that she was referring to them as his Masonic "brothers", which would make them her "uncles."

This hit home as a story about our Masonic family and how we gravitate toward other members who have shared experiences and values similar to

our own. We oftentimes cite our Masonic brothers as our closest friends and associates. How appropriate then is our vision statement that "we will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills its obligation to care for our members."

We should always strive to treat our members like family. While that may not mean in every case gathering at the Holidays, think about what you can do to extend care and concern for a fellow member. It may as simple as a phone call on a birthday or at other times to see how he is doing. Our membership committee is making calls to members at various times and this simple act always receives a rewarding response. It might also mean inviting him and his family to a Scottish Rite event where it is always more fun to share that time with members of your Masonic family.

When a brother is in need of a helping hand, don't forget the Supreme Council "Brother to Brother" program and have a card sent to someone who could use a lift. In some cases, the use of the Supreme Council Almoner's Fund might be appropriate. This fund has grown out of Scottish Rite Vision Statement to care for our members and in 2012, Indiana members received \$55,000 in direct assistance when in need. Details on both of these programs are available on www.scottishritenmj.org or by calling the Valley office.

The value of the fraternity to many of our members is not the events, the ritual or the building, but that true sense of caring and fellowship that comes from being family and knowing that there is always someone there to care about you as a brother.

Jeffrey K. Saunders
Executive Director

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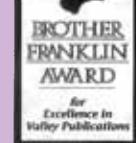
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'Round the Rite

Bean Supper to Highlight Founding

In the Fall of 1863, seven distinguished Indiana Masons met and formed the Valley of Indianapolis, Ancient Accepted



Scottish Rite. As current beneficiaries of this great legacy, we invite all of our members to attend the 69th annual bean supper to commemorate the founding of Valley. A special dramatic presentation, written by Illustrious Paul C Page, 33°, will introduce you to our founding members, who were outstanding leaders in the community and Freemasonry. They included a former member of Abraham Lincoln's cabinet and Past Grand Master, a prominent banker who was later Treasurer of the United States, a dentist and

founding member of the American Dental Association, a former mayor and sheriff of Indianapolis and other community lead-

ers. These men took their degrees in Cincinnati 150 years ago and started the Valley of Indianapolis on a successful path that has impacted the lives of tens of thousands of members from all walks of life over the years.

Jeff Karnes, 33° will be directing Jon Elrod, 33° who will play JJJ Gourgas, Dale Wheatley as Bob the Guide, Jerry Miller as James Tomlinson, Jerry Collins, 33° who will represent Caleb B Smith, Phil Herthel as Ed Davis, Matt Lowe as Phineas Hunt, Rich Stevens as John New, Chris Pedersen, MSA as William Wallace, and Paul St Pierre plays Horace Smith.

Enjoy the traditional fellowship with members of the Valley spanning many generations, enjoy a great meal ham, beans and corn bread and relive a bit of the history of Scottish Rite Masonry in Indiana. Return the enclosed post card on the "refrigerator card" in the center of this issue to make your reservation or call (317-262-3100) or email the Valley office (rpurcell@aasr-indy.org) to reserve your spot.

Abbott Scholarships Announced

The Indianapolis Valley Scholarship Committee has announced winners of college scholarships for 2013. Funds from the Supreme Council Abbott Scholarship program, along with matching funds from the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis Foundation, Inc brings the total to \$30,000 in awards. Scholarships are available to members of the Indianapolis Valley, children of members, or members of Masonic youth groups. Applications for 2014 school year are available by calling the Valley office or download at www.scottishritenmj.org.

ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2013

Jacquelyn Baber
Markanda Ball
Abbey Buckley
Griffin Buckley
Jase Crehan
Whitley Fallis
Savannah Gadberry
Jeffrey Gasper
Kasey Gill
Kerstyn Hunter
Tanner Long
Laura Luther
William McCartney
Kasey Mock

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Univ of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Ball State University
Ball State University
Marian University
Purdue University
Ball State University
Indiana University
IUPUI
University of Southern Indiana
Butler University
IUPUI
Ball State University

Marshall Mullins
Thomas Pfaff
Tyler Pfaff
Julia Pritchett
Asa Sipe
Christine Skaggs
Jacquelyn Spears
Neil Spotts
Rebecca Stanley
Rebecca Upchurch
Nathaniel Wade
Jacob Wade
Meredith Warbinton
Michael Wheatley
Jacob Wickes

Rose-Hulman Inst of Technology
Indiana University – East
Indiana University – East
Purdue University
Butler University
Marian University
Purdue University
Ball State University
Rose-Hulman Inst of Technology
Purdue University
St. Joseph's College
Butler University
IUPUI
Indiana University
Ivy Tech - Lafayette



Building Renovation On Schedule

Renovations on the exterior of the Cathedral remain on schedule with work nearly complete on the east and west sides of the tower. Blakley Corporation also has a crew working on the areas over the auditorium. Every mortar joint is being ground and repointed as well as structural repairs and cleaning. The upper portion of the carillon tower has been

rebuilt and several pieces of steel replaced. Every member should take pride in this work and renovation of our magnificent Cathedral. Shown here, workers erected platforms at the top of tower to access the finials that were removed and repaired. Look for more updates in future editions of the *Double Eagle*.



Stones were removed from west side of tower and deteriorating underlying steel supports were replaced.



This mammoth crane, that weighed in at 200 tons, was in the parking lot for three months when the uppermost stones on the tower were removed, repaired and replaced.

The Mysterious Ladder

*by Aimee E Newell - Director of Collections,
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library*

Do you recognize this ladder? It's a prop that Scottish Rite Freemasons used during the early 1900s when conferring the 30th degree. Known as the "mysterious ladder," the words on one side's rungs call out the seven liberal arts and sciences: grammar, rhetoric, logic, arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy. The rungs on the other side, marked with transliterations of Hebrew, reminded initiates of virtues such as understanding, faith, purity and charity. Writing on the sides of the ladder represents love of God and love of your neighbor. These messages, along with the upward-pointing shape of the ladder reminded the candidate of how he could learn and grow as a Mason.

While this particular ladder dates to the early 1900s, the history of its use in the Scottish Rite degrees goes back to the mid-1700s, when it appeared in the 24th degree. Scholar Alain Bernheim has found evidence that this degree, complete with an illustration of the ladder, originated in France in 1750. The Francken Manuscript in the collection of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, which dates to 1783, also includes an illustration of the ladder with the text of the 24th degree, then titled "Grand Elected Knight of Kadosh or Knight of the White and Black Eagle."

As the degrees were rewritten and reorganized into the present-day system, the ladder remained in what became the 30th degree. Ritual books from 1875, 1904 and 1939 include an explanation of the ladder and required the candidates to mount the steps and climb over it before receiving the degree. The 1904 and 1939 books show a scale drawing of the ladder and indicate its placement in a plan of the room or stage. The ritual explained that "it is the only way of entrance to the Order, and we sincerely trust that the lessons taught on its several steps will make a deep and lasting impression on your mind." Regalia catalogs in the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library collection from the early 1900s offer the ladder "of wood, well made and finished, the proper lettering in both English and Hebrew." Today, the ladder is no longer used in the 30th degree.

Now in the collection of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, the ladder is currently on view in our exhibition, "A Sublime Brotherhood: Two Hundred Years of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Northern Masonic Ju-

risdiction." The ladder helps show the change from intimate degree ceremonies conferred in the lodge room to elaborate staged degrees during the early 1900s. The exhibition will be ongoing into 2014 – we hope you will be able to visit. The Museum is

located at 33 Marrett Road in Lexington, Massachusetts, and is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday (www.nationalheritagemuseum.org).

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library has a special interest in preserving and interpreting the history of the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A. Yet, Scottish Rite regalia, props and accessories form a notable gap in our collection. This is due, in part, to the Scottish Rite's success over the past 100 years – Valleys used their props and costumes until they wore out. But, now, as times change, many Valleys are consolidating their space and may have surplus regalia and ritual items. We hope that they will contact the Museum before throwing anything away. We would

love to strengthen our collection in this area. Questions can be addressed to Aimee E. Newell, Ph.D., Director of Collections, anewell@monh.org, 781-457-4144.



The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library is pleased to present an exhibition about the history of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, opening this summer (see our website, www.nationalheritagemuseum.org, for more information). The lectern will be one of the objects on view. The exhibition will be up for at least a year, so start planning your visit now. 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.

Children's Dyslexia Center Continues the Good Fight and Good Work



Lisa Hofmann

From:
Sent:
To:
Cc:
Subject:

Kathy [REDACTED] @me.com]
Tuesday, April 23, 2013 6:25 PM
Learning Center
Carl
Paragraph

This is [REDACTED]'s first year in the Scottish Rite's 32 degree Masonic Learning Center's program. He has made tremendous strides in his academic abilities since this tutoring system has been implemented. Prior to starting this program, his reading and writing were negatively impacting his other subjects in school. This program has really helped him with his confidence when decoding the English language and with focusing. He has significantly improved in Math as well as his other subjects. His teachers report. He has significantly participating in classes. His success is evident daily both at home and in school. Prior to this program, I never saw him pick up a book on his own to read for fun. Multiple times in the past I had attempted to get him help and was unsuccessful because either he didn't qualify or the programs were too costly. This program has been great for him and by the generous support of others for this program, he has been able to participate at no cost. I cannot begin to tell how beneficial this program has been for him and our family and we will be forever grateful for the opportunity to participate in it. You should be very proud of the fact you are changing kids' lives one at a time!

Thank you, Kathy

To the staff at The Masonic Learning Center for Children,

I'm deeply appreciative of the care and guidance I personally have seen given to a child with the privilege of going thru the tutoring program at The Masonic Learning Center for Children. I am aware of the benefits my daughter has been given in the short time she has been under their care.

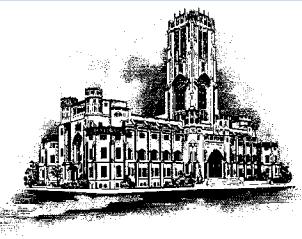
The time we have spent driving back and forth twice a week is well worth it to see her read with confidence. She is an exceptional child with so much compassion that one day when she is in collage or off exploring the world we will know it would not have been possible without the help from The Masonic Learning Center for Children.

Success Story

We currently have a third grade student who just started coming to tutoring in June of this year and cried during her first week. She has always had a modified spelling list in school, meaning she had different words than her classmates. This week she came in so excited because she now has the same spelling list as her classmates. Her father told us her teacher now believes she is working on grade level. This is quite an achievement for five month of tutoring!

These three testimonial letters give us a glimpse of the hope and elation our Children's Dyslexia Center instills in our students and their parents each and every year.

Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me . . .

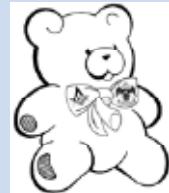


Petition for the Degrees

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

Date _____

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

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

EACH QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED IN FULL

(Please PRINT or TYPE)

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

Resides at _____, _____, _____, _____, _____
Street City State ZIP Code

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

Occupation _____
Give Details

Firm Name _____ Business Address _____

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

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

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

Recommended by: (Please PRINT or TYPE)

Rite No. _____

Resident of _____ County

I am "Bringing a Buddy", his name is:

Attention Petitioner: Please Complete the information below:

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

Signed: _____
First Middle Last
Initials are NOT sufficient

MAILING ADDRESS

Print Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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E-mail: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Qualifications and Requirements for Membership

An applicant for the Degrees must be . . .

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

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

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

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

No. _____
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“Valley Visa”

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

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Entire amount must accompany petition.

Scottish Rite . . . Lessons for Life in 32 Degrees

Family Activities:

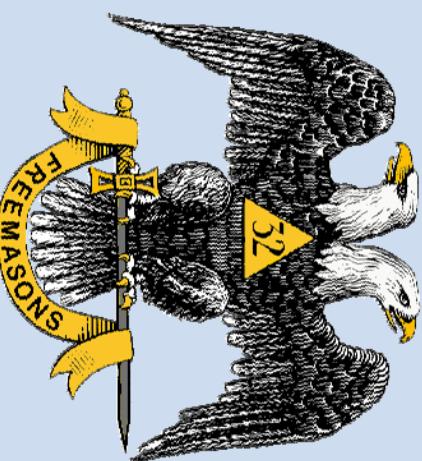
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32° Masons

An Invitation . . .



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Additional information and downloadable petitions may be found at:
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Tom's Membership Corner

My Philanthropy and Obligation

I am often asked what the philanthropy of the Scottish Rite is, and my reply is the same answer that I give when asked about the Fraternity in general: "Our number one priority is to our Brothers." We all took an obligation to help the members of the Fraternity and to their families, as well. I was blessed the other night to be present when more than 200 Brothers gave their last respects to a very dear friend and Brother Mason. However, too often we only hear about a Brother's illness only after he has passed.

Granted there are situations when God is merciful and takes them without suffering, so there is really no lingering illness to speak of.

Several months ago, I was making phone calls to Scottish Rite Members who were delinquent in paying their dues. During the course of my calling, I discovered how many of my Brothers were having a tough time paying their dues because they had been sidelined by sickness. This affected me greatly and I went home with a feeling of helplessness in the fact that there was nothing that I could do to comfort them during their illness

when they needed my support the most, but just awkward clichés only after the fact.

I realized right then that it was necessary to get the word out, as best that I could, to our 10,000 plus members that we are here for you. The only catch is that we need to know when you hit that rough patch in the road so we can help in the most effective way possible. The "help" that I refer to can range from get well and cards of encouragement to monetary assistance from the Grand Almoners Fund, through Supreme Council. Brothers, we are here for you.

Our Good Cheer Committee has always been there to visit with you at home or at the hospital. Just let us know if you know of a Brother that needs our help.



In the next few weeks, we will start calling our members just to see how you are doing. This process may take a while, but we feel that it is important to just say hi, and find out how you are doing. You are all my Brothers and I care about you. I want to share in your ups and downs, and be there if and when you need me. That is my obligation to you, and I take it very seriously.

November 15-16 Convocation in Indy

honoring III. William D Richter, 33° and III. Paul S Shambaugh, 33° Class

Adoniram Lodge of Perfection Degrees

Fri, Nov 15	6:30 pm	Candidate Reception
	7:15 pm	Orientation & Info
	8 pm	4° Master Traveler

Sat, Nov 16	7:30 am	Annual Prayer Breakfast
	9 am	14° Grand Elect Mason

Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix Degree

10:30 am 18° Knight of the Rose Croix

Saraiah Council of Princes of Jerusalem Degree

Noon	16°	Lunch-Prince of Jerusalem
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Adoniram Lodge of Perfection Degree

1:15 pm	12°	Valley of Cincinnati
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Indiana Consistory Degrees

20°	Master Ad Vitam
31°	Knight Aspirant
32°	Sublime Prince Royal Secret Awards Banquet
5:30 pm	

"A Word With You"

Turn Off Your Cruise Control

by Ron Hutchcraft

My wife and I will take turns at the wheel on a long trip, and we have two different approaches to observing



the speed limit. In her case, she likes to set it on cruise control, and that's a great invention. You can set your speed, and stay at that speed indefinitely. Not

so much me. You see, I'd rather be able to really accelerate for a hill and keep up with the traffic sometimes as they say; to vary my speed. I know I can just break and reset the cruise control, but I'd rather not bother with it. In a sense, not so much about driving, but I just want to discourage you from setting your own cruise control.

I'm Ron Hutchcraft and I want to have A Word With You today about "Turn Off Your Cruise Control."

Our word for today from the Word of God comes from **Ephesians chapter 3, and let me begin reading at**

verse 16. This is really a magnificent passage that almost exhausts all of Paul's great vocabulary. "I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that

Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or



imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations."

What a passage! He's saying here there's strength you haven't touched yet, there's love you haven't felt yet, there's power you haven't released yet, and there are riches you haven't appropriated yet. And he sums them all up in these words "immeasurably more." See, a healthy Christian is one who's restless for that more. The problem is, too many of us are on spiritual cruise control. I'm at kind of a nice speed right now, and I think I'll just kind of stay there till I get to heaven.



Don is a fellow who's been around the church a long time, much of it in leadership roles. He told me after I spoke at his church, "Ron, I was on cruise control; just feeling like, 'Man, I've been president of this and chairman of that, until I heard messages on revival and repentance.' And I wanted that more. I knew there was more." He came forward and he said, "You know, we don't do that a lot in my church as Christians."

Then he was having lunch with Marty. He regularly had lunch with Marty. They had worked together in business and Marty said to Don, "Hey, Don, there's something different about you, man. You usually come in and talk about business. All you've talked about today is the Lord." Marty said though he was raised as a Christian he hadn't had a Bible of his own for twenty years.

Don gave him one, and now they're involved in an early morning prayer meeting together. And Marty, because he's been

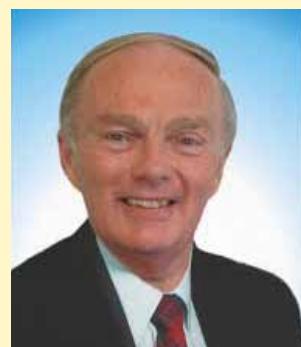
renewed, drove to his daughter's college campus and apologized to her for not raising her in a more

spiritual atmosphere. Do you know what that's a taste of? That's contagious revival. It started with one spiritual veteran who said, "There must be more."



Don't you feel that holy restlessness? Don't you want the immeasurably more? Maybe your life, your conversation has gradually filled up with some other things – with earth stuff. How about being so full of your Lord that your Christian friends are going to say, "There's something different about you, man; you're all about the Lord all of a sudden"?

Jesus has so much more. But you'll never experience it if you've set your spiritual speed and just plan to keep rolling on at that same speed. It's time to get your life with Christ out of cruise control and into high gear.



(Ron Hutchcraft can be found on the internet at www.hutchcraft.com.)

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Keating to Edit Archbishop's Lectures

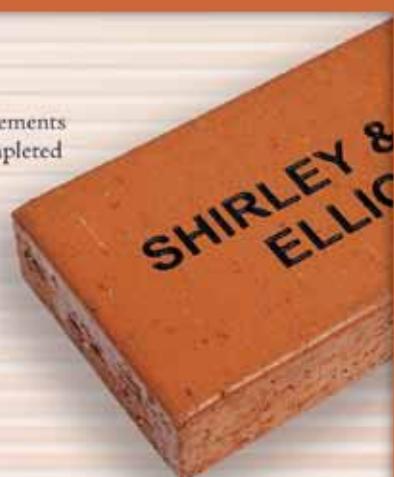
Brother Jim Keating has been asked to edit the Lord Robert Runcie Lectures for a small academic publisher in Oxford, England. Lord Runcie was the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1980 to 1991 and, as such, served as head of the worldwide Anglican Church. He retired in 1991 and thereafter was made a life peer as Baron Runcie until his death in 2000.

The lectures were delivered over a period of years and include contributions by friends, associates, admirers, and a fellow Lord and the Bishop of Oxford. During his studies in Oxford, Jim worked with four of the contributors, so there is a personal attachment to the work, even though he never met the Archbishop. The publisher expects the book to be released by May of next year. It's a nice honor. Congratulations Brother Jim!

Ashlar Society

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

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



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Expel Him and Expel Him Quickly!

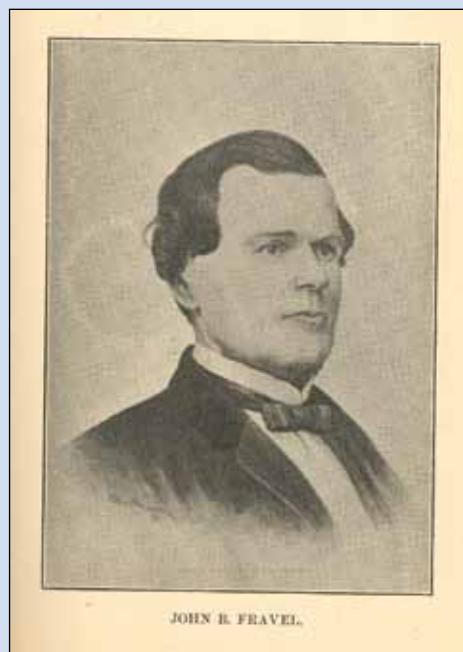
by Jeffrey Croteau - Manager of Library & Archives at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library

You have likely heard stories of Masons in the Confederate and Union armies during the Civil War who, because of their fraternal connections, gave aid and comfort to wounded or captured enemy Masons. I thought it would be worth dipping into some Proceedings published by Masonic bodies in the Union during the Civil War to see what interesting topics might turn up. It didn't take long before I found something quite interesting, namely, the thorny question of whether a Mason belonging to a lodge in the Union should be expelled from Freemasonry if he heads south and joins the Confederate Army. As you will see below, there were differing opinions on how to address this real-life issue.

In the 1863 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, the "Address" by Grand Master John B Fravel looked at the question of whether a Mason who left the Union to join the Confederate Army should automatically be expelled from Freemasonry. His opinion was focused on an actual case brought to him by the Worshipful Master of Allensville Lodge No 81 in Allensville, Indiana, on the 12th of July, 1862.

His answer was that for that act alone, he could not be expelled. This decision is founded upon the express declarations set forth in the Second Chapter of the Ancient Charges. Fravel then goes on to quote the passage, and ends by saying, "This question possesses much interest to us at this particular time; and as such I esteem it to be my duty to lay the whole matter before the Grand Lodge, not that I apprehend in the least that they will reverse the decision made, but that the Craft may know the precise position which we, as Masons, occupy to the legally constituted Government."

Despite Fravel's belief that no one in the Grand Lodge would reverse his decision, there was, in fact, a strongly worded response to Fravel in the "Reports from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence," which contained a section entitled, "On Expulsion of Dis-



loyal Brethren." After a polite introduction, in which the Committee states that the matter was referred to them by the Grand Master and that while he "quoted the law as anciently recognized correctly," they did not believe that "in the decision, as reported by the MW Grand Master, the law is correctly applied." The report goes on to ask that if Canada or Mexico "should call together a large army, and with munitions of war advancing towards our borders, threatening to burn and destroy our cities, lay waste to our country and rob and murder our citizens," whether the Grand Master would rule the same way as he did with regard to the Confederacy.

The report ends with little question as to what the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence thought should

be done with a Mason who left the Union and joined the Confederate Army. The heated language makes it clear how strongly passions burned on this topic in 1863: Expel him and expel him quickly; and should you ever catch him engaged in his unholy purposes, treat him just as you would the assassin who, in the dead hour of night, would, with stealth, enter your bed-chamber, and there, while carrying out his purposes of robbery, plunge the dagger to the heart of the wife reposing on your bosom.

Your Committee denies, in the most emphatic terms, that there is any law of Masonry contravening or setting aside the first law of nature, 'Self-Preservation.'

As can be seen from the example above, although Masons met in lodge during the Civil War, the war was never far from their minds - and sometimes called upon them to address questions unique to this period of American history. So the next time you think that Masonic Proceedings are dry and boring – think again!



The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library is pleased to present an exhibition about the history of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, opening this summer (see our website, www.nationalheritage-museum.org, for more information). The lectern will be one of the objects on view. The exhibition will be up for at least a year, so start planning your visit now. 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.



Knights of St Andrew

Spotlight on Service

Sir Knight Tim Brinkmeyer

Brother Brinkmeyer is originally from the northeast side of Indianapolis and attended Ball State University earning a BS Degree in American History, and recently finished his MA



Degree in Public Relations, focusing on strategic communications and reputation management. While an undergraduate at BSU, he was a founding father and president of the Ball State colony of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and later initiated into Chi Chapter at Purdue, becoming Master of Ritual #516 and Jackson's Man #2527. He currently serves Kappa Sigma as an Alumni Advisor.

He was raised in 2004 in Delaware Lodge No 46 in Muncie, IN. That fall he was appointed Senior Deacon; elected Senior Warden in 2005, and Master in 2006 at the age of 24. After his year in the East, he served as Historian and Trustee in 2007, and again in 2013 as Master of the Works. In 2008, he became a Master of the Ritual in Indiana. He is currently working with the Indiana Ritualist Program to create an 'app' for the Brethren to more effectively utilize this great service to our Order throughout Indiana.

In 2006, he became a plural member in Bartimaeus Lodge, UD and Dwight L Smith Lodge of Research, UD. To date, he is a proud honorary member of four Indianapolis Lodges.

He joined the Indpls Valley in 2006 and later served on the Membership Committee as well as being cast in the 18th and 31st Degrees. He also became a member of the Knights of St. Andrew and is a Life Member of the Indianapolis Valley.

In spring 2008, work took him to Portland, Oregon where he remained until moving back to attend graduate school in 2011. While there, he became a Life Member in Washington Lodge No 46 and served as their Master in 2010. Brother Brinkmeyer also became a plural member in the Portland Valley, AASR which is Southern Jurisdiction. He took an active role in the KSA there, and became Director of Work for the 18th Degree and served Ainsworth Chapter of Rose Croix as their Junior Warden.

Brother Brinkmeyer currently serves as Assistant Grand Lecturer in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana, in the York Rite and is Captain General of Noblesville Commandery #61, Knights Templar; Past High Priest of Middletown Chapter #143, Royal Arch Masons; and a Past Illustrious Master of Muncie Council #16, Cryptic Masons. He is a Noble of the Murat Shrine; Imhotep Council #434, AMD and a Past Sovereign Master of Columbia-River Council #28 in 2010 in Portland, OR; he was a founding member of Van Port #205, York Rite College of Portland, OR and is a member of Indiana College #55 in Fort Wayne; and a member of Washington College, SRICF in Seattle, Washington.

He is proud to be getting married on October 19, 2013 to his fiancée Kate. His favorite Masonic books for enlightenment and a working knowledge of the Craft are:

1. *Esoterika: The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry*, Pike, Albert. 2008.
2. *Observing the Craft*, Hammer, Andrew. 2010.
3. *The Mysticism of Masonry*, Clymer, R Swinburne. 1924.

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Campaign for the Cathedral

Cathedral Restoration: How You Can Help



Mark Dill
Director of Major
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This past spring, I mailed our annual Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation appeal in a pamphlet to our members and friends asking for donations to the Cathedral Restoration Project.

The response has been excellent. For those who have not had a chance to respond yet, another mailing will go out in the very near future -- we hope you are able to participate.

Another area of interest that has been well received has been the stock certificates. For a \$250 contribution to the Cathedral Restoration Project you can receive a framed stock certificate issued by the Scottish Rite Realty Company that was used to help finance the original construction of our beautiful Cathedral back in 1929. As one young member said, "I feel like I own an original piece of the Scottish Rite Cathedral with this certificate."

We also had a 70-year-old couple take out a charitable gift annuity to support the Cathedral Restoration Project. At their age, they will receive a payment of 4.5% on their gift every year for the remainder of their lives. As the donor said, "That's a good solid return on my money in today's world and I also get to help the Cathedral."

Other people are taking the opportunity to memorialize a loved one by making a \$5000 contribution and having their loved one's name permanently etched into the commemorative plaque to be installed next year as we complete this project.

Whatever manner appeals to you, I hope you will carefully consider supporting the Cathedral Restoration Project. All gifts are sincerely appreciated and will make a difference. Please know your gifts are going to an important project that not only benefits the current members, but also those who will follow us in the Scottish Rite for years to come. Thank you for your continued support.

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'Round the "Rite"

33rd Nominees Announced for 2015

The Supreme Council is now holding meetings every two years with the next meeting to be held in Indianapolis in 2015 with the Actives meeting annually to elect nominees for the 33rd degree.



At the meeting in Washington, DC last month, two distinguished members from Indianapolis Valley were elected to receive the degree in 2015 with others to be elected to that class



next year. Paul (left) served seven years in the Consistory line of officers and was chair of the entertainment committee. Brother Brian (right) completed his time in Saraiah Council, Princes of Jerusalem culminating as Sovereign Prince from 2010-2012. His passion is ritual -- both performing and casting. Brian helped in the re-write of Indiana York Rite ritual. *Please congratulate Paul C St Pierre and Brian C Lewis on their nomination.*



Join for a new event this year as the Scottish Rite enjoys Oktoberfest on **Saturday, October 19 from 4 to 6 pm** in the Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$20 and includes choice of two entrees from the following selections: sauerbraten with mashed potatoes, bierwurst with blaukraut, schnitzel with gnocchi along with beverages. Entertainment will also be available during the afternoon and early evening. Bring your prospective member to this great event and enjoy Scottish Rite fellowship Oktoberfest-style.

**Children's
Halloween Party**
Sunday, Oct 27 • 3 pm
Haunted house Costume contest
Picture taking Games & prizes
Pumpkin decorating

Ladies Tea 2013 Yields Record Numbers

by Barbara Mohr, Chairwoman

The 2013 Ladies Tea, Fashion, and More luncheon that was held on Saturday, April 27, netted \$15,212 for the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis. We had 360 ticket sales at this, our sixth annual tea. The waiters -- our men in black -- made \$2,281 in tips.

The chairmen have listened to your feedback and we are excited to announce **Saturday, April 25, 2014**, as the date for the sixth annual Tea, Fashion, and More luncheon benefiting the Dyslexia Center. Many of our guests indicated they would enjoy an earlier date so those traveling on Mother's Day weekend could attend the luncheon with family and friends. We have accordingly moved up the date by two weeks.

Marketplace Vendors will showcase their unique wares followed by the Silent Auction and lunch. The Dress Barn located in Avon will again host the fashion show. Please mark that date now on your calendar and let your guests know of this change.

Thank you for your support of the Children's Dyslexia Center.

Fall 2012 Events



The Bean Supper is traditionally a time to collect new petitions. A Petition for the largest Valley in the world is included in this magazine. Use it.



Stated Meeting Degrees Exemplified

The 25th degree, Master of Achievement, will be portrayed after the stated meeting on **Wednesday, September 4**.



Most Masons are aware of Benjamin Franklin's ties to the fraternity and will find this degree of historical interest.

Brother Ben Franklin once wrote, "Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw wages in gold or silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."

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Oct 2 Brazen Serpent



Following the **Wednesday, October 2** stated meeting, the 6th degree, Master of the Brazen Serpent, will be exemplified. As you witness the Drama of the Brazen Serpent, you will realize that there are desert-stretches in every human life and in the history of every nation. Learn that a willing and courageous acceptance of life's disciplines and loyal obedience to lawful authority make us strong and secure. We must have Faith — faith in ourselves, faith in each other, and faith in God.

Christmas Party



The Children's Christmas Party is planned expressly for the entertainment of our members' children and grandchildren, so mark your calendars and plan to attend an outstanding holiday show on **Sunday, Dec 8 at 2 pm**. Santa really gets around and shares the North Pole magic, including musical favorites, interactive sing-a longs, lively holiday takes and some of the latest Elf Workshop inventions. After the show meet Santa over refreshments in the Banquet Hall and enjoy music from our own Scottish Rite Chorus. Free to all members and their guests.

Christmas Concert



On **Sunday, Dec 15 at 3 pm**, the Scottish Rite Orchestra, Chorus, and Organ will present a delightful evening of music for your holiday entertainment. Tickets are FREE for all members and their guests. No food service prior to this event.

*Christmas Carillon Concerts from Dec 11-22
weekdays at noon and 2 pm*

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Through the Cathedral Window

A Bit of Valley History - Part 10

In the 20th Degree, General Israel Putnam opines that he thinks it would be of interest and profit to some of our younger Brethren, that an account be given of our military lodges. In a similar vein, I asked Fred Kortepeter, 33° -- longtime Valley organist and Valley historian -- to shed some light on the Valley's past and he has graciously shared some very interesting facts about our Valley. I hope you will enjoy. --editor

In 1924, eight plans were submitted for a new building -- all by members of the Scottish Rite. Seven were for a TEMPLE and George Schreiber submitted plans for a CATHEDRAL. Schreiber's "thrust" in architecture school was cathedral design, but after the turn of the century, all of the dioceses had been set and there were no cathedrals being built, except for the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. Churches were going to simpler designs: colonial, contemporary, beaux arts, etc. It is my speculation that Schreiber thought if he could give the Scottish Rite membership the size building they wanted at the price they wanted to spend, that his chances to design future cathedral-type buildings would be enhanced. Thus, you have the building in which we meet today.

Sadly, for Schreiber, his dream was not to be fulfilled. The building was completed in September, 1929, and in October, the great depression hit. No one was building fancy churches with the economy "going to pot." Schreiber also designed three buildings at Ball State University -- Elliot Hall, Lucina Hall, and Ball Gymnasium. He also designed other buildings in Muncie like Burris Laboratory School.

Other facts: Our Cathedral (\$2.5 million) was built with every dimension (in feet) being evenly divisible by three (reflecting the three degrees in Freemasonry), with many being divisible by 33 (reflecting the degrees a member of the Scottish Rite can achieve). The Cathedral is one of the largest Masonic

buildings, and has been described as one of the finest examples of Neo-Gothic architecture in the United States.

The main tower features a 54-bell carillon and rises 212 ft above Indianapolis. Other features are patterned ceilings, ornate carved woodwork, and stained-glass windows. The auditorium has 1200 seats, and has been commended for the craftsmanship with which its fittings and decorations were made. It also has a large pipe organ that was donated by Brother Sterling R Holt with a pledge of \$10,000.

The main entrance, known as the Tiler's Room, is a cube of 33 ft and features both Masonic symbols and the signs of the Zodiac. The ballroom also embodies the number 33 by being 99 feet square, pillars defining the dancing area are 66 ft square, and the white oak floor panels are 33 inch squares. The chandelier has 200 lights and weighs 2,500 lbs.

The statue of Maternal Love (left) that is located on the first floor lobby was donated by Brother W G Axt at a cost of \$948. The statue was purchased in 1929 from Tiffany & Co in New York. "The piece is of bronze and is by Carpeau, the piece being 31 1/3" high. The marble pedestal in green serpentine marble 41 1/2" high with a 13 1/2" square base may be had for \$48." It was imported from overseas and presented to the Scottish Rite as a memorial to Brother Axt's sister.

In a 1996 poll, the Indianapolis Business Journal found the Cathedral to be the most popular historic building in the city, and the second favorite building of any type. In recent years our volunteer tour guides receive 100,000 visitors a year.



"Maternal Love"