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## SERVING AT THE 8TH LADIES SPRING TEA



**“SHARP-DRESSED MEN”**

## From the Northeast Corner

# I've Always said, "My Dream Job"

I would like to thank each one of you for your support on my Grand Lodge journey. I was installed as the 167th Grand Master of Masons on May 17, 2017, right here in our auditorium. One of the remarks I made was to express how much I enjoy working for the members of the Scottish Rite. Thank you!!



We continue to look for good Master Masons. Our degrees are rich in both symbolism and words. The words we hear in our degrees are not merely words. The words convey to us the lessons of the ages. The words in the 14th Degree express our deep spiritual roots and our constant endeavor to attain perfection of our character.

The 16th Degree teaches the lesson of loyalty to conviction as well as devotion to truth. The 18th Degree teaches the lesson that the new Temple is in the hearts of men where we worship our God in spirit and truth. The 19th Degree expresses the value of reverence for God and integrity.

The degrees are not mere words. These words, when etched in our heart, make each one of us better men.

See you around the Rite!

*Rodney A Mann*  
Executive Director



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## May Meeting Opens with 'The Shovel'



*Our Presiding Officers opened the May Stated Meeting on the 90th anniversary (to the day) of the ground breaking ceremonies of our beautiful Cathedral. This spades was used in that ceremony and was mounted on an old shelf board that was found in a storage area. Shown are Robb Spears, Bill Ludlow, Don Reynolds, Rich Stevens, Illustrious Rodney A Mann, 33°, and Steve Taylor.*

## Amazon Smile Helps the Building

Last year your Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation signed up for the AmazonSmile program. It's an easy way for Brethren to help support the preservation of the Cathedral while shopping on Amazon. If you haven't yet signed up for the program, you should! It costs you nothing to enroll. Here's how to get started:

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# May Stated Meeting Also Means Changing of the Guard with Annual Elections

## Spears: “Well Done”

*by Bill Ludlow, Thrice Potent Master*

This past year (2016—2017), Robert G Spears was Thrice Potent Master of the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection and Chairman of the Executive Committee. He was a member of a dedicated leadership team that unselfishly served the Valley.

Robb has always approached his duties in the Valley with the respect. Robb has considered it an honor to serve the Valley as an officer and it is something he will always cherish. You can always count on Robb to add some humor, a smile, or a pat on the back which helps to make some of the difficult decisions seem a little more tolerable. When Robb looks you in the eye and says thank you, it comes from his heart.

Robb’s deep sense of trust and respect that he has for all of the officers brings out the best in our management team. This caring and sharing atmosphere has made Robb one of our best leaders. He met the tough assignments, dealt with the criticism, and kept moving forward in making our Valley better.

We thank Robb for his hard work and dedication to our Valley. You can look forward to seeing Robb as he continues to serve our Valley. Thank you Robb for being a friend to us all.

## Ludlow Elected Thrice Potent Master

*by Robb Spears, Past Thrice Potent Master*

It is my honor and pleasure to introduce you to Brother Bill Ludlow, the newly installed Thrice Potent Master of the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection. On May 3, 2017, Brother Ludlow was elected to become the 114th Thrice Potent Master.

Bill Ludlow is a construction project manager currently working on the section of the I-69 highway project running from Bloomington to Martinsville. Bill originally grew up on the banks of the Wabash in Covington, IN. Bill received his BS in 1969 and his MS in 1999 from Indiana State University. Bill



*Illustrious Curtis Shirley appointed Robb Spears to the line and had the honor of presenting Robb with his Past Thrice Potent Master jewel at this year's outgoing officers dinner held in the ballroom of the Indianapolis Cathedral.*

has been married to Jan for 47 years and they have one daughter, two sons, five grandsons, and three granddaughters.

Masonically, Bill is a Past Master of Ellettsville 245; member of the York Rite Bodies, Eastern Star, Murat Shrine, and is the Secretary of the Stone Belt Shrine Club.

Bill has enjoyed the fellowship of his Brothers in the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite. Bill has been involved in several of the Lodge of Perfection degrees and has enjoyed all of the different roles from non-speaking, speaking, and including directing. Bill is looking forward to the continuing service with the Indianapolis Valley’s Executive Committee and is excited about the future as a Scottish Rite Freemason.

I have no doubt the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection and the Valley of Indianapolis is left in good hands and looking forward to a great year with Bill at the helm!

## Pittsford Appointed to the Lodge Line

Jerry Michael Pittsford was born and raised in Ellettsville, attended Edgewood High School, and later entered Indiana University in the fall of 1986. After completing his degree in English education, he took his first teaching position at Vincennes Lincoln High School. He married Cheryl the following summer and they are the proud parents of two sons: Alex, a freshman at Wabash College who recently completed his Masonic Degrees in the Grand Master's One-Day Class, and Harrison, a freshman three-sport athlete and scholar at Edgewood High School. Jerry currently is an assistant principal at Edgewood Primary School, a position he took after 20 years in the classroom teaching English. He taught middle school English at Edgewood Junior High School for 18 years.

Jerry took his EA degree on the night of his 21st birthday at Ellettsville 245 in 1987. In 1993, he was elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge and enjoyed the privilege of leading his Brothers in doing the opening ritual for Grand Lodge that year as Vincent May was installed as the Grand Master of Masons in Indiana. He was initiated into Scottish Rite Masonry in the Fall Convocation of 1995, an experience he was happy to share with his father, James H Pittsford, Jr. Jerry is proud to say he and his brother both followed in their father's Masonic footsteps and both have been honored to serve their Lodge as Worshipful Master.

He also is quick to tell you that he did it twice. His second year as Worshipful Master was in 1995 when he stepped in to fill a vacancy in the line. Jerry has also received York Rite degrees and, like his mother, Janice, he is a member of Ellettsville Order of Eastern Star. He has performed degrees at the Cathedral with the Ellettsville Players on a couple of occasions and looks forward to taking a more active role in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Service to God, family, and community have defined much of his adult life. He has been a town councilman in Ellettsville and spent 10 years on the Monroe County Plan Commission. He currently serves on the Monroe County Board of Zoning Appeals. He has served as interim or supply pastor in a couple of small country churches and continues to fill the pulpit in the Methodist Church he currently attends when needed. Some readers may find it amusing to know that Jerry had the honor of naming the road on which he and Cheryl built their home. The name he chose: Jachin Lane.



*Bill Ludlow was elected to serve as Thrice Potent Master of the Indianapolis Valley for the coming year. That position also has the responsibility of serving as Chairman of the Executive Committee that meets on the evening of the third Wednesday of each month. Bill appointed Jerry Pittsford of Ellettsville to serve in the progressive line.*

# Stevens Honored as Outgoing Commander-in-Chief at Annual Dinner

*by Ed Adams, Commander-in-Chief*

Rich has been a small business owner most of his adult life. He ran a roofing company for several years until an accident forced a career change and he transitioned into a painting business, Great Paints of Indiana, which began as an apartment painting business and eventually expanded into drywall and tile. He also started a vending company, Friendly City Vending, which placed vending machines in apartment properties, which he sold in 2011.

Rich also worked as an on-air personality for the National Rock Station on Our City Radio in 2014 and 2015 and was broadcast in 93 cities across the country. He owns a small, in-home voice over studio and started an entertainment business in 2014 called Spotlight Magic focusing on live events, marketing, and promotions. Rich also works as an independent contractor for the Scottish Rite providing live lighting and audio service for weddings, shows, productions, and high school and college graduations. In January of 2015, Rich became a manager for American Food and Vending Co.

Rich has been married to his wife Dawn Renee for more than 20 years and they have two sons and two grandsons who live in Lebanon, IN.

Rich joined Thorntown 113 in 2008 and was raised a Master Mason in March 2008. In 2010, he served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge. He continued to serve his Lodge as Chaplain in 2011 and as Secretary from 2011 through 2015. Rich is a proud member and past HGCC of the Cumberland Road Order 122, Sword of Bunker Hill. He is also a member of Prather York Rite and a proud Honorary Member of Millersville 126.



*Past Commander-in-Chief Mike Gillie was honored to present his appoint, Rich Stevens, with his Commander-in-Chief jewel at this year's annual Officers Dinner.*

Rich joined the Scottish Rite in the April Class of 2008 with Sovereign Prince Steve Taylor, who was Master of the Lodge when he became a member. In the fall of 2008, he became one of our Valley's tour guides and has proudly given tours to the public for eight years. He has served the Knights of St Andrew since joining the Scottish Rite and is a Past Venerable Master of that group.

Rich was appointed Standard Bearer for the Indiana Consistory in 2010 by Past Commander-in-Chief R Michael Gillie. He has served on the Membership Committee since his appointment and has

served on the Scottish Rite Historical Committee since 2014, as well as the Family Life Committee.

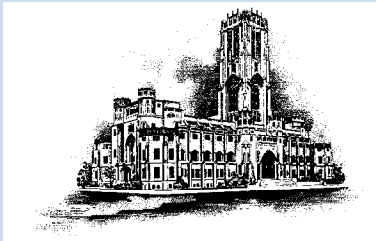
Rich is probably best known for his portrayal of George Washington in the 20th Degree from 2010 until 2016. He was elected as Commander-in-Chief of the Indiana Consistory in May of 2016 and served on the Executive Committee for the Valley of Indianapolis in that capacity until May 2017.

Great job Rich and thanks for serving the 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.”

**EACH QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED IN FULL**

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Month, Day, Year City

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

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Give Details

Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_ Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Rite No. \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County

I am “Bringing a Buddy”, his name is:  
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**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**

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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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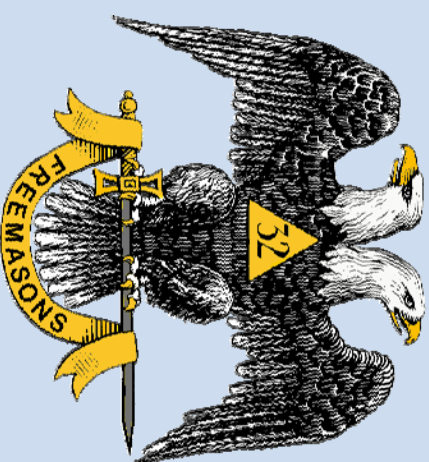
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### Scottish Rite . . . . Lessons for Life in 32 Degrees

- Family Activities:**  
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# Tom's Membership Corner

## An Advanced Course of Masonic Instruction

One of the first lessons that we are taught as Freemasons is the importance of the tenets of Freemasonry which are: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The second lesson is the



**Tom Fallis, 33°  
Membership Director**

importance of the four cardinal virtues which are: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice. Why are these lessons important?

We are taught that the Masonic Institution is designed a certain way with the most important things coming first.



these lessons in our daily lives. Through our 29 degrees, we are taught to apply the teachings of the Ancient Craft Lodge in our daily interactions with the world. I like to say that they are

“Lesson for life in 29 degrees.” Our “morality plays” are set from Biblical times to more modern times in the 19th and 20th centuries. We have such characters as Joseph and his coat of many colors whose story teaches Justice and Brotherly Love.

Another degree uses George Washington as the main character and this degree teaches Justice and Truth.

The last example that I will give is in my favorite degree, and that is the Four Chaplains degree. In this degree, four men of God gave up their lives to help men off a sinking ship. This degree teaches Fortitude, Prudence, and Relief.

I view the Scottish Rite as an advanced course in Masonic Instruction, a college course to the Craft Lodge’s High School curriculum, if you will.

In Grand Master Rodney A Mann’s first address after being installed to that high office, he expressed the importance of living your life according to these lessons that are taught in the Entered Apprentice Degree. He said that every Mason should live his life by these teachings and when we do, we are better husbands, fathers, and general citizens where a handshake is still a binding contract.

On the night of your raising, you were informed to seek further light. The Scottish Rite is all too happy to give you a place to fulfill that admonition. I invite you to ask a Master

Unfortunately, we are not taught in the Entered Apprentice Degree how to apply these principles in our daily lives. How do we apply the tenets of Freemasonry by the four cardinal virtues and where is this taught? Well, it is not the Lodge’s place to teach such things — you will have to seek that further light elsewhere.

Fortunately for us, we have the Scottish Rite to educate us in how to apply



Mason to join the Scottish Rite and become an even better man through the teachings that we offer.

Once a Mason becomes a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, the world is his oyster. He will make friends and he will also have a place to bring his family for good wholesome entertainment in the safe confines of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Seek and ye shall find, knock and the door will be opened unto you.

*Volunteer to help the Make-up and Chorus departments!*

# Adams Elected Commander-in-Chief

*by Rich Stevens, Past Commander-in-Chief*

It is my very distinct pleasure to introduce and welcome my friend and Brother, and our new Commander-in-Chief of the Indiana Consistory, Ed Adams. Ed is a native of Brazil, IN, and attended Staunton High and Indiana State University, and later graduated from Indiana University School of Law -Indianapolis. While attending law school, he served as a court bailiff in the Marion County Superior Courts, Civil Division. Following law school, he clerked for Judge Linda Chezem of the Indiana Court of Appeals and practiced law for eight years which included being Indiana counsel for the Rutherford Institute (an international organization devoted to protecting religious freedom) and as public defender for Clay County. Ed then changed career directions and for the last 19 years has been an Information Technology consultant in the areas of Windows server technologies, virtual servers, cloud computing, networking, and data security.

Ed was raised in August 2004 at Calvin W Prather 717, and served as Worshipful Master in 2007. During that year, his Lodge was a hub of activity hosting a Grand Master's One-Day Class and raising 36 men. For these efforts, the Lodge was bestowed a Grand Master's Award with High Distinction.

In addition to the Scottish Rite, Ed is a member of Murat Shrine and the Prather York Rite. Ed is a member of the Murat Chanters Men's Chorus and served as president in 2009 and 2013. He also served as Membership Chairman in 2013 where Murat achieved Gold Membership status (net positive membership growth) for the first time in 30 years.

Ed joined the Indianapolis Valley in the 2004 Diamond Anniversary Class which commemorated the 75th anniversary of the opening of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. He has appeared in almost every Consistory degree and several other degrees of the Rite as well. He also appeared on the Scottish Rite stage for the performance of the musical "1776."

Ed was appointed as the Standard Bearer of the Indiana Consistory by Past Commander-in-Chief and Consistory Orator Timothy J Murphy in 2011. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Social Media Committee for the Indianapolis Valley and was the social media architect for the Valley, Murat Shrine, and Prather Lodge.

Outside of Freemasonry, Ed is an amateur blogger and enjoys politics, history, genealogy, Scottish heritage activities, theology, emerging technologies - especially astro sciences, traveling, and is a great fan of music in many forms — from symphony to Jimmy Buffet. Ed is also known to seek out new locations for karaoke in the cities he visits and loves the opportunity to sing. He is active in his community where serves on the Historic Irvington Community Council as its secretary since 2013 and coordinates Masonic involvement in the Irvington Halloween Festival — one of the state's largest public festivals. Above all, Ed is the proud father of three children (Caleb, Isaac, and Hillary) and looks forward to being a proud grandfather in August.

I am personally honored to have served with Ed for many years in the Consistory and I know full well what an asset he is to our great Fraternity.



# Sohn Appointed to Consistory



Rex Sohn was appointed as Standard Bearer to the Indiana Consistory by the newly installed Commander-in-Chief, Ed Adams, at the May Stated Meeting. Rex was raised in 1999, in Cumberland 726. A number of years later, Rex transferred to Millersville 126. He was also a charter member of Sojourners 769, where he held the chair of Junior Warden, but had to step down due to military deployment.

Rex received his 32nd Degree during the Millennium Class in 2000. He has participated in many of the degrees including the 4th, 5th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 23rd, 29th, 30th, 31st, and the 32nd, where since 2004 he has served as the Captain of the Guard. Rex is a charter member of the Valley's Knights of Saint Andrew and served as Venerable Master in 2010. In 2009, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Award.

He has served as a High Priest, Illustrious Master, and a Commander all within Greenfield York Rite bodies and was subsequently appointed and then elected an officer in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, state of Indiana.

Rex has an associate degree in architecture from Vincennes University and subsequently transferred to Indiana State University to continue his education. He earned a bachelor's degree in human resources from Oakland City University. He started out his career designing residential structures and managing their construction. After a number of years in the construction industry Rex transitioned into the information technology field. He has worked as an IT project manager since 2005, and currently works at Eli Lilly in the medicine development IT area as a business analyst/execution lead.

Rex served in the United States Army for 25 years. He enlisted in 1985. While attending college at Vincennes and Indiana State Universities, he enrolled in ROTC. He was assigned to the infantry and received his commission as a second lieutenant in 1988. Rex has led and commanded at various levels from platoon to battalion size units. He has served in the US Army Reserves, Army National Guard and the regular Army. Rex served two tours in Afghanistan; as an embedded training team commander and NATO staff officer, where he earned the Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Action Award, and the Bronze Star, among his other accomplishments.

Rex has been active in the Boy Scouts of America as an adult leader since 2006, when his son joined Cub Scouts in the first grade. He has served in various positions to include a district committee member, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, and a Venture Crew leader. Rex has been on many Scouting courses staffs, to include University of Scouting, Wood Badge, and Firecrafter Ritual. He is a member of Order of the Arrow and the Firecrafter, where he was awarded the Minisino honor. Rex is the recipient of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award, which is an honor awarded to members of a Masonic Lodge who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the BSA.

Rex currently resides in Greenfield, IN, with his wife, Kim. He has one son, Ryan, who is 17 and a junior at Irvington Preparatory Academy. He is proud that his son has asked him to become a Master Mason and will soon be submitting his petition to begin his journey in the fraternity. In their spare time the Sohns enjoy camping with their three dogs.



# April 22 Convocation and New Members

## Answers to Trivia on Back Page -- No Cheating!

7. J.K. Rowling is one of the richest women in the world in a span of only five years, author of the best-selling book series (Harry Potter) in history which gained world-wide attention, won multiple awards, and sold more than 400 million copies and has been the basis for a series of films which is the second highest grossing film series in history.
8. Eminem.
9. Steven Jobs created an iconic brand and the largest technology company in the world. At Apple he famously accepted an annual salary of only \$1 as his net worth soared to \$8.3 billion when he died in 2011. He co-founded Pixar animation studios.
10. Michael Jordan is the most famous basketball player of all time and led the Chicago Bulls to six NBA Championships and won the MVP Award five times.
11. Steven Spielberg won three Oscars; Forbes Magazine puts his wealth at \$3 billion. He was awarded an honorary degree in 1994 and became trustee of the university in 1996. They dedicated a building to him as a thank you for his donations.
12. Stephen King.
13. The movie was "Rocky," the lead role was played by Sylvester Stallone who became the most successful film star in US history. Rocky was nominated for 10 Academy Awards including best actor and best original screenplay. The film went on to win Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Directing, and Best Film Editing.

1. Winston Churchill was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1940 to 1945 and again from 1951 to 1955 and was one of the greatest wartime leaders of the 20th century. He won the Nobel Prize in Literature and was the first person to be made an honorary citizen of the United States.
2. Ludwig Van Beethoven composed nine of the world's most beautiful symphonies, five of these masterpieces he wrote after he had gone completely deaf. He is still known as one of the great composers of all time and his symphonies have helped shape the world today.
3. Bill Gates co-founded Microsoft, the world's largest software company. Gates was included in the Forbes list of the world's wealthiest people — and was tops on the list from 1995 through 2014 except for two years.
4. Dr. Seuss was most widely known for his 46 children's books. He won the Lewis Carroll Shelf Award and his birthday (March 2) has been adopted as the annual date for National Read Across America Day.
5. Thomas Edison developed many devices that greatly influenced life around the world, including the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and a long-lasting practical electric light bulb.
6. Elvis Presley won three Grammys, receiving the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award at age 36. One of the best-selling artists of all time, Elvis became a household name even years after his death. Regarded as one of the most significant cultural icons of the 20th century.

# A Civil War Masonic Lodge

by John J Coelho, Archivist

Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library

In the February 2016 issue of *The Northern Light*, I introduced a Civil War Masonic War Certificate issued by the Grand Lodge of Illinois to Corporal Phineas Lovejoy of the 3rd Regiment, Illinois Cavalry, on December 23, 1861. In this article, I will further explore the history of Lovejoy's certificate.

From April 1861 to the end of September 1863, the Grand Lodge of Illinois issued 1,757 Masonic war certificates to Illinois Master Masons, and eventually to the sons of Master Masons. These traveling certificates could vouch for their good Masonic standing to their Confederate brothers whom they would shortly meet upon the battlefield. As Michael A Halleran explained in his 2010 book, *"The Better Angels of Our Nature,"* Freemasons on both sides of the irrepressible conflict looked for ways to demonstrate their Masonic affiliation to one another, especially to Freemasons on the opposing side. Some Freemasons used Masonic pins to convey their Masonic affiliation, while others carried with them their "diploma — the 19th-century equivalent of a dues card." In the case of injury or death, these soldiers hoped that their Masonic identification would induce their fellow Freemasons, regardless of their side, to care for them or to "bury them and mark their grave."

Phineas Lovejoy (ca. 1832-1862), born in Pennsylvania, was the first cousin once removed of the abolitionist newspaper editor Elijah P Lovejoy and his brother, United States Congressman Owen Lovejoy, a political ally of Abraham Lincoln. Census records for the years 1850 and 1860 document that Lovejoy worked as a farmer, and articles in local newspapers capture his active political life, including his election as town clerk in 1856 and his re-election in 1859. The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois reveal that Lovejoy was initiated into the fraternity at Columbus Lodge 227 (Columbus, Illinois), in 1859, and that he served as the Lodge's Junior Warden and then its Master in 1860. According to the Illinois Civil War Muster and

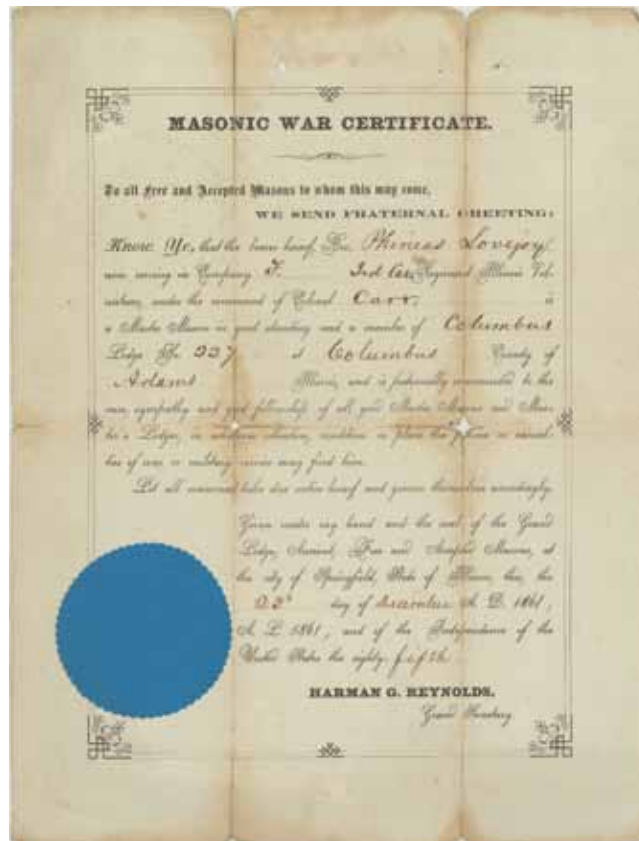
Descriptive Rolls, like many Illinoisans, Lovejoy swiftly joined the Army on August 5, 1861, shortly after the war began, and his regiment took part in the Battle of Pea Ridge in March 1862.

Phineas Lovejoy did not survive the war and the cause of his death has not yet been identified. We do know that Lovejoy died at the age of 30, onboard the steamer *White Cloud* near Memphis, TN. After success at the Battle of Pea Ridge, the next battle stalled badly, and Lovejoy's regiment was forced to fall back for resupply by Union riverboats traveling up the White River. When low water conditions in the river prevented this resupply, Lovejoy and his regiment began a grueling 24-day forced march on short supplies and with little water to Helena, AR, the largest town on the Mississippi River and a natural supply base for Union operations.

Helena was described as a sickly place and as soon as Lovejoy's exhausted regiment arrived, dysentery, typhoid, and malaria quickly overtook the men. On August 9, 1862, Phineas Lovejoy died onboard the *White Cloud*, just offshore of Memphis, the same day he

mustered out of the Army. A report from the *Chicago Daily Tribune* on Wednesday, August 13, 1862, documented the steamer's arrival in Memphis but failed to mention the death of any of its passengers, including Phineas Lovejoy. In light of this information, it seems likely that he was seriously ill when he boarded and died while being transported north for medical treatment. Lovejoy was buried in a family plot at Byler Cemetery in Coatsburg, IL, and in the 1862 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois he was memorialized as a "worthy brother."

*Image Caption: Masonic War Certificate for Phineas Lovejoy, December 23, 1861. Gift of Rushville Lodge, No 9, A F & A M (Rushville, IL). Collection of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library, MA 007.*



# 10th Annual Ladies Tea: Success for the Dyslexia Center

*by Jim Keating, Chair, Board of Governors  
Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis*

On April 29, the 10th annual Ladies Tea was held in the beautiful Scottish Rite Great Hall. This event is a major



fund-raising activity for the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis, which is housed at the Cathedral. The Dyslexia Center serves children suffering from this reading complication and helps them become successful in school and in life.

This year, 241 attendees enjoyed a stroll through the "marketplace" where vendors from central Indiana established booths selling a number of items including jewelry, books, food products, and clothing. Then the ladies moved to the elaborately decorated tables where they enjoyed a luncheon served by members of the Scottish Rite.

A "corps of waiters," 32 Scottish Rite Brothers (see the cover of this issue), served the ladies after making a highly orchestrated grand entrance to the music of ZZ Top and the "Sharp Dressed Man." Each of the waiters wore a pastel garter

on his sleeve to hold tips for excellent table service. The waiters garnered \$1400 in tips that went directly to the Dyslexia Center. Illustrious Carl Culmann, 33°, again coordinated this effort.

Eight lucky raffle purchasers walked away with \$50 each while four lucky winners in the grand raffles won gift-card packages from local businesses for dinners and products including the grand-prize weekend getaway at French Lick, including dinner and golf. Our fashion show was a big hit and a major part of the annual Ladies Tea.

The Dyslexia Center is grateful to everyone who contributed prizes to the raffle and to all of the committee ladies who worked so hard to make this event a success. Barb Mohr (pictured left), Mary Bellner, Emily Chamberlain, Sharon Danielson, and Jan Good rounded out the committee.

Overall, the tea brought in more than \$10,000 that is matched 100 percent in a program with the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in Lexington, MA. This means that the Dyslexia Center is able to continue providing tutoring for students who suffer from dyslexia. We always like to note that we provide service to young people without regard for religion, race, or school district. The service is provided at no cost to families,

which is a true blessing to many who could not afford this help without the Scottish Rite. Over the years, our students have gone from our Center to success in school. They graduate from high school and many have graduated from college as well.

The success of our program depends upon the support of our membership as well as on fundraisers such as the tea. We want all of our



supporters to know how much we appreciate the help you provide, for the Masonic service we are able to offer, at no cost to families, is a true gift to our community.

# Murphy Retires from Board

## Dyslexia Center Welcomes Two New Members

Dana Smith, who is a grant-writing professional with the charter school, The Hoosier Academy, joined the Board of Directors in April and has since been working to identify opportunities for increasing funding to the Center. It is important for organizations such as ours to adequately support operations which include paying tutors, purchasing supplies, and providing important ongoing training for those who work with the children. We welcome her and look forward to her ongoing contributions.

Rich Stevens joined the Board in April as well. Rich is well known at the Scottish Rite for his generous and enthusiastic support for Masonic work and his longtime work in leadership. Rich just finished the year as the Commander-in-Chief. We put him to work immediately as our new treasurer and has already made a mark helping to establish the “Donor Snap” program which will help us track donations and to better communicate with those who have supported us in the past. We look forward to Rich’s leadership role with the Board of Governors.

At the same time, Russ Murphy, 33°, retired from the Board. Russ was a longtime board member and his unfailing and kind leadership has long encouraged all of us who watched him eagerly support the work of the Children’s Dyslexia Center. It is hard to imagine him not being present at our meetings and providing his wise and steady leadership. We all wish him the very best and thank him for his many contributions to the Center’s successes.

Additionally, the Center wishes to acknowledge the generous support of Scottish Rite members and friends who have supported our work in the past and continue to do so. We could not even begin to continue the excellent services without the support of donors who supplement their dues payments with an extra contribution to the Center. This is so greatly appreciated ... and not just by the Board and Center workers, but also by the children and parents of the children who benefit from the work done at the Center. Thank you to all of our donors.

## Graduation Exercises: Another Successful Year

Each year the Dyslexia Center of Indiana is proud to graduate students from its program and to send them into the community prepared to succeed in school and in life. Dyslexia is a reading problem that causes students to be unable to properly identify words when they see them on the page. Millions of school children with dyslexia endure frustration and demoralization on a daily basis as they struggle to acquire skills that many

of us take for granted. Some schools don’t fully understand dyslexia and classify students as learning disabled and sometimes as discipline problems. In fact, they suffer from being able to make sense of words on a page. For example, they might read the sentence, “hand me the jar” as “nadh me the raj”—and of course that does not make sense.

The Dyslexia Center helps students read properly by providing them with a program that works. The curriculum used

for tutoring and tutor training at all Children’s Learning Centers is based on the Orton-Gillingham approach. The Orton-Gillingham approach, developed in the 1920s, uses a sequential, multisensory phonetic approach to teaching and spelling. Thus, a variety of sensory data is used to help children understand the written word.

The month of April closes our school year and the graduation exercises were held this year on April 26 and 27. The photos show the proud parents and the proud tutors who worked with the children ... and the proud children who completed the program and are prepared to work for academic and social success as a result of our program.



*Cullen McCarty, Luke Stark, Brad Keen, Robb Spears, Greg Jordan, 33°, Hugh Burns, 33°, and Bill Ludlow garnered tips for their services during this year's Dyslexia Center's 10th Ladies Tea.*

# Make the Most out of Every Day

by Don Reynolds, Most Wise Master

*Life happens and it's important that you're there to experience it. Participating in daily human life, interacting with those you love and care for.*



We do not know how long God will leave us on this earth and we all need to remember to make the most of the time we have. It is up to us to determine how we will spend our time, and who we will be to the people we interact with. We should make an effort to make every interaction a positive interaction. We need to strive to live each moment to its fullest by participating in the world around us.

Some spend life like a gargoyle on a building, looking down watching others below, longing for something more in their lives.

As members of the Scottish Rite, we have a wonderful opportunity to live our lives among our Brothers and friends. Our fraternity gives us many opportunities to share our lives with our brothers and their families. We have many

events for our members and many of those are family oriented activities. Our fraternity is not just Stated Meetings, although the meetings and particularly the time spent after the meetings with refreshments and fellowship are a special time enjoyed by all who attend.

During the year, we can attend many events such as the 500 Festival Parade, the 4th of July party, Bean Supper, Halloween and Christmas parties, special event shows such as the Purdue Glee Club, Orchestra and Chorus concerts, and membership plays. These and other events are for you and your family to enjoy at the Scottish Rite. Many are free to attend. Many members value the fellowship they share at these events more than the events themselves. Sharing time with family and friends

is one of the best ways to experience life. The only way to make the most out of life is to participate in it.

The Scottish Rite is also creating many special interest guilds to provide additional social activities for our members, including guilds for those interested in board games, biking, and motorcycles. If you have a hobby you would like to share with your Brothers, please contact the Scottish Rite and find out how you can set up a special interest guild to provide you and other like-minded Brothers the opportunity to have fun and enjoy life together.

The Scottish Rite also provides us many opportunities to experience and have positive interactions with others we share this world with. By becoming a member of the Good Cheer Committee, you will have the opportunity to reach out to members who might be in distress or unable to attend events at the Scottish Rite. This committee visits those Brothers who may be sick or just need the visit of a Brother to lift them up. Imagine the positive difference you can make in the life of a Brother who needs a little good cheer and fellowship.

If you have a couple of free days a month, volunteer with the Tour Committee to share our building with guests from around the world. Imagine how sharing our beautiful cathedral with others can help you make the most out of those days.

By participating in our fraternity, we can all make our fraternity a fraternity that strives to fulfill our Masonic Obligation to care for our members.

The Scottish Rite gives us many opportunities to Make the Most out of Every Day. The best days are when we are sharing life with others. There are few places better than our fraternity. Please join your Brothers at the Scottish Rite in making the most out of your life and the lives of others you touch.

We must all value this gift of life that God has given us. Do not squander this valuable time. Join with your Brothers at the Scottish Rite and become the man your God wants you to be.





## Order your Personalized 32° or 33° Name Badge



\$5 from each sale will go to support the Children's Dyslexia Center

**\$25**

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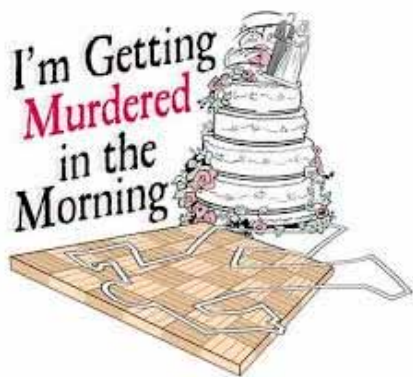
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## Murder Mystery Dinner



Our Murder Mystery Dinner Theater is happening again on **Saturday, September 16**, at 6:30 pm. This is one of the most enjoyable experiences you will have so be sure to mark it on your calendar and bring your friends for great food, fellowship, and to help solve who did the deed and why.

"I'm Getting Murdered in the Morning" will be directed by Illustrious Tim Hopewell, MSA, 33°, and it all starts at 6:30 pm in the south lounge of the Cathedral. Tickets are \$40 per person — call the office for reservations @ 317-262-3100.



## Fantasy Football League 2017

The Fantasy Football Guild is looking for members who like football. Do you have what it takes to be the champion? If you are interested in playing, please contact Jason Greth at ffaasrindy@gmail.com. Depending on the number of players, we will be forming multiple leagues with only one overall Champion. This is a no-money league — bragging rights only!

## Meetings & Degrees

Join us as we return this fall to degree performances following the monthly stated meetings. On **Wednesday, September 6**, at 7 pm we will debut the new 23rd Degree -- the Four Chaplains -- for all members.

Many of you will recall that our very own Illustrious Paul Page, 33°, took a group of Valley members down to Evansville and filmed this degree on board the LST 325 (see Indiana Freemason Magazine, Winter 2017, p 16-17). Bring your passports for authentication. The Double Eagle Café will be open for dinner at 5:30 pm and Washington's Retreat will open for refreshments and snacks following the meeting. This is a great time to fellowship with a couple hundred of your friends and members.



Steve, Tom, and Logan Cooper have made participating in the Valley degrees a "family affair." Bring your sons down to the Rite for family events — or better yet, give them a petition.

# Children's Dyslexia Center Contributors

*The Board of Governors, Director, staff, and students of the Dyslexic Center want to thank all who have donated to the Center in the past several months. All contributions support the Center's operations on behalf of children suffering from dyslexia. Students are admitted to our program without regard to race, religion, ethnic origin, school district, or ability to pay. Your program operates on the principles of Masonic service to the community and children are tutored at no cost to their families. We sincerely thank you.*



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Vance York  
Randolph Snyder  
Phillip Rowe  
Juel Carman  
Melvin Seitz  
Walter Stephens  
Gerald Helser  
Mark Forinash  
Michael Reese

Stanley Moore  
Larry Good  
Wm S Creighton, Jr  
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Teddy Whitmer  
Robert Bober  
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Erwin Brown  
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Steven Burnstein  
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Thomas Easterday  
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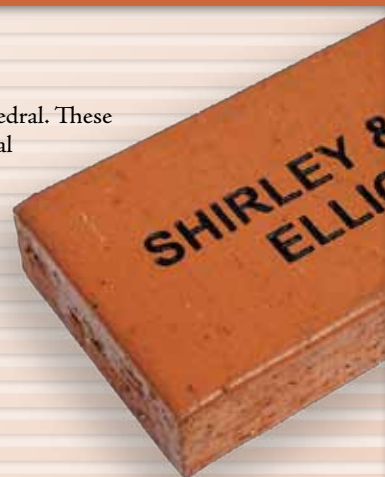
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William Tavenor  
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Ronald Dillely  
Melvin Christ Seitz

## Ashlar Society

Over the years there have been several structural improvements made to the Scottish Rite Cathedral. These projects are paid for with gifts and donations made to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation.

To commemorate these completed 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 located in the area near the new west entrance by the parking lot. There are two options to consider: a 4"x 8" brick (2-lines of copy) for a donation of \$100.00 or an 8"x 8" brick (4-lines of copy) for a donation of \$500.00. Immortalize your loved one or friend today by ordering a brick. Reserve a brick by sending in your order form below, along with your tax deductible contribution, to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation. For further information, contact the Foundation at 317-262-3123. Orders are accepted through Memorial Day and installed by Labor Day.



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# Campaign for the Cathedral

## Tickling the Ivories

*I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music.* -- Billy Joel



This year's direct mail campaign will highlight the importance of music to the Valley of Indianapolis. Our goal is to further enhance music's role in the life of our Valley with the purchase of a new player grand piano for the Cathedral's first floor lobby. The piano, a state-of-the-art 5'8" Yamaha Disklavier, is known worldwide for its sound

and quality. It will play automatically via wireless download. Literally hundreds of thousands of songs, all played flawlessly, will be available at the touch of a button. The lobby will come

alive with the sounds of every genre of music. It will also be able to be played manually as an acoustic grand piano. This new piano will transform the lobby from a passage to somewhere else in the building to an inviting area. You, your guests, and visitors will be able to pause, relax, and socialize with the welcoming and unifying sound of live music in the background.

Our goal is to raise \$35,000 so that the piano can be purchased, delivered, and installed in time for the annual Bean Supper on Friday, September 8, 2017. Those contributing will be recognized in the Double Eagle magazine. If you make an outright contribution of \$35,000, you will secure naming rights to the piano.

Please look for your envelope in the mail and consider a tax-deductible gift to bring the sound of live music to your Cathedral's beautiful lobby. Your generosity is always appreciated!

### 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 year March 1, to April 15, 2017. 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 Steve Sonafrank at 317-262-3123.

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# It's Always Darkest Just Before Dawn

*Where would our world be without these inspirational people who would never quit and kept persevering in life because they believed in themselves and had that 'never-say-die' attitude? Try to see how many you can get right. Answers on page 12.*

1. He did poorly in school, stuttered and spoke with a lisp. His parents paid no attention to him, labeling him as a disappointment and child of low intelligence. He was the prime minister of the UK and an honorary citizen of the US.

2. His teachers labeled him as "hopeless as a composer." He was losing his hearing and by the last decade of his life was almost totally deaf. He wrote nine beautiful symphonies.

3. He dropped out of Harvard to start a failed first business called Tarf-O-Data yet was on the "wealthiest" list for more than 17 years.

4. His first book was rejected by 27 publishers but he went on to write 46 books and your parents probably read most of them to you.

5. A teacher told him he was "too stupid to learn anything" and that he should go into a field where he might succeed by virtue of his pleasant personality. What a bright idea!

6. The manager of the Grand Ole Opry fired him and said, "You ain't going nowhere son. You ought to go back to driving a truck."

7. She was nearly penniless, severely depressed, divorced, trying to raise a child on her own while attending school and writing a novel and depended on welfare to survive.

8. A high school dropout whose personal struggles with drugs and poverty culminated in an unsuccessful suicide attempt. He is a 15-time Grammy Award winner and is the best-selling artist of the 2000s in the US. He has sold more

than 155 million records, making him one of the world's best-selling artists.

9. He dropped out of Oregon's Reed College. He also quit one of his first jobs to backpack around India and take psychedelic drugs. At age 30 he was left devastated and depressed after being ceremoniously removed from the company he started.

10. After being cut from his high school basketball team, he went home and locked himself in his room and cried, yet went on to win six national championships.

11. He was rejected by the University of Southern California three times yet won three Oscars and was awarded an honorary degree at that college.

12. One publisher told him, "We are not interested in science fiction which deals with negative utopias ... they do not sell." He was rejected by 30 publishers, finally causing him to give up and throw it in the trash. His wife retrieved it and urged him to resubmit it. He received Bram Stoker Awards, World Fantasy awards, and British Fantasy Society awards having published 50 books, all worldwide bestsellers, according to Amazon.com. His books have sold more than 350 million copies, many of which have been adapted into feature films, television shows, and comic books.

13. He had to sell his dog for \$50 in order to survive and it broke his heart when his wife left him. He spent 24 straight hours writing a movie story and was denied \$2000 when attempting to sell the rights. He was finally offered \$350,000 for the screenplay as long as he wouldn't play the lead in it — and refused the offer. He was broke and nearly homeless in New York when he settled for \$25,000 and the lead role. He took the money, waited in front of the store where he sold his lovable dog for three days. He eventually bought back the dog for \$3000.