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## ICING IN THE NEW YEAR

## From the Northeast Corner

# Happy New Year at Your Rite

Winter is now upon us. For those of you who enjoy this time of year, I hope you are finding this season to be a good one. My favorite time of year happens to be Spring. As the winter snow begins to melt and the weather turns warmer, I know that Spring is just around the corner. The arrival of Spring brings renewal. It offers a time to reflect on what we as Scottish Rite Masons want to accomplish in the coming year.



Think for a moment on what makes Scottish Rite Freemasonry unique. Our vision, “We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members,” can mean different things to different members. What does it mean to you? What are your own Masonic obligations? I want each of you to reflect on the lessons learned in the Symbolic Lodge and Scottish Rite degrees. Those lessons and obligations are very real. They exist to make you a better father, husband, friend, and brother.

Your Valley meets in a beautiful building. Your Valley offers events, plays, musical presentations, and many other benefits of membership. Your benefits, building, and activities are only a part of the “big picture” of Scottish Rite membership. The most important benefit of membership should exist in our hearts. When we focus on the internal benefits of membership—close friendships, caring for our brothers in need, supporting each other—then we will become what we tell society we are. When we strive to practice that which we preach, then we will have many men of good character knocking at our door. Our membership will grow and renew itself as certainly as the coming of Spring.

See you at the Rite!

*Rodney A Mann*  
Executive Director

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# 'Round the Rite



*These Valley members were honored with certificates and a reception for their 60 and 65 years of service to the Scottish Rite at our November Convocation and Reunion.*



*Illustrious Allen Lisle, 33° spoke at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Scottish Rite Ladies Friendship Circle.*



## Kroger Supports Children's Center

One way we can support the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis (CDCOI) is to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. It is easy to enroll in the program and a percentage of all purchases made at Kroger will be sent to support our program. Here is how to enroll.

1. Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and sign in. You can either CREATE AN ACCOUNT or simply use your Kroger Plus card if you have one.
2. When you are logged in under your account go to VIEW YOUR REWARDS DETAILS.
3. Scroll to the bottom and SELECT or EDIT your Community Rewards Organization.
4. Enter #20507 to enter CDCOI as your designated community Rewards Organization.
5. Hit ENROLL.

You are finished. Thereafter our center will receive the benefit without your having to ever do anything else. It's easy and it helps our center help our students. Thank you!



*Illustrious Russell A Murphy, 33° (second from left) was recognized at the November Stated Meeting for his generous \$100,000 pledge toward the Cathedral Restoration Program. Receiving the gift were Steven Sonafrank, Rodney Mann, 33° - Executive Director, and Paul St Pierre, 33° - Trustee.*

# Halloween Party Brought Out Great Costumes





# Dyslexia Center Parent Orientation

by Jim Keating, Chairman

Indianapolis Dyslexia Center Board of Governors

Members of the Scottish Rite are justifiably proud of the work we do with children. The Children's Dyslexia Center is housed at our beautiful cathedral and is one of 43 dyslexia centers in fifteen states, all operated by the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. All centers are fully accredited and tutors rigorously trained and certified. The Indianapolis center is the only one operating in the state of Indiana. We accept students without regard to religion, race, ethnic background, Masonic connection, school district, or ability to pay. Indeed, students receive help at no cost to their families—upholding the Masonic tradition of service in the community.

Dyslexia is a reading problem that affects about 20 percent of the American population and for some it is truly disabling. In the most serious cases, students simply cannot read. These children have normal and even above average intelligence but they cannot read because their brains do not process letters correctly. These children can hear and see and they DO know the letters that form words. They can name letters without difficulty; but, they cannot put them together. Therefore, "baseball game" might become "saellab mega," which makes no sense at all. For a child this is profoundly disheartening, to say the least!

Most schools (public, private, charter) do not know how to deal with dyslexia and consider dyslexic students as learning-disabled, special needs, and sometimes as disciplinary problems! Sadly such students are discouraged and frustrated; so when they arrive at our doors they and their parents are desperate. These students need a caring and encouraging experience and that's what we provide. Students come for tutoring after school two times each week through the school year and most stay with us for about two years.

All centers uses the Orton-Gillingham method for helping students overcome reading trouble, and it is remarkably success-

ful. Recent studies at Middle Tennessee State University show that the O-G program delivers statistically significant positive outcomes for students. In a different study parents at our Indianapolis center completed a survey at the end of the last school year showing one of the highest satisfaction rates of any center in the Northern Jurisdiction! We are tremendously proud of the work our tutors are doing on behalf of the children.



Parents watching tutor Nancy Garber (Center left) giving a sample Orton-Gillingham lesson at the Dyslexia Center Parent Orientation program.

In September of this year our director, Julie Bohannon, offered sample lessons to the parents of students in the program. This was to help them see how their children learn reading strategies. The O-G system uses a multi-sensory approach to helping young people develop word recognition strategies. This includes learning the "rules" for word recognition, but also includes a tactile

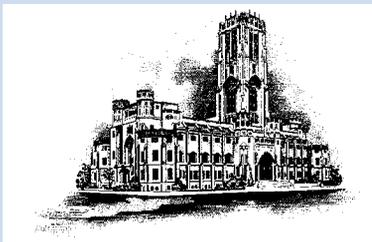
component. For example, students sometimes use their fingers to write letters in a tray of sand or on a carpet square and the sense of touch becomes a part of the way they develop word-recognition. Parents also learned the program is individualized, structured, sequential, and cumulative. This means that students are carefully evaluated and bi-weekly lessons are specifically tailored to student need; and because lessons are sequential, students grow step by step over the course of the program. What students learn in one lesson they build upon in the next.

Parents who attended the presentation were pleased to better understand the way tutors work with their children and were happy to know that research has amply born out the effectiveness of this program. But more important than the studies is the fact that children in our center go on to success in school, to graduate from high school, some enter and graduate from college, and all have a better opportunity to enjoy successful and productive lives...because they have learned effectively to read. The Children's Dyslexia Center is a true credit to the spirit of the fraternity as it works to help improve the lives of children!

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**EACH QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED IN FULL**

(Please PRINT or TYPE)

When born \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ State  
Month, Day, Year City

Resides at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code  
Street City State

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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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. \_\_\_\_\_

Shaded area for office use only.

### “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 titled meetings of the Valley.

Join Rite Now

For only:

**\$150.00**

Entire amount must accompany petition.

VISA                       Master Card

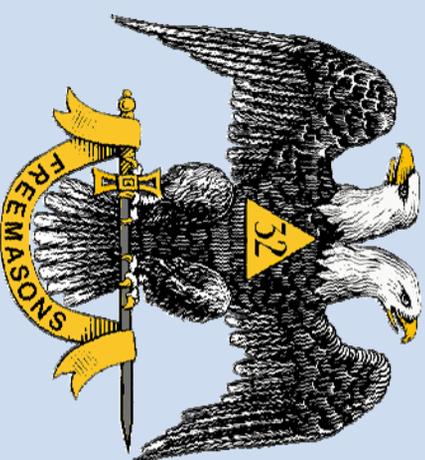
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Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Scottish Rite.

## An Invitation . . .



to become a 32° Mason

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Additional information and downloadable petitions may be found at:

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### Scottish Rite . . . . Lessons for Life in 32 Degrees

#### Family Activities:

- Holiday Events for the Entire Family
- Concerts
- Purdue Glee Club
- Plays/Entertainment
- Children's Parties
- Parades
- And . . . Much More

These benefits are available to all  
**32° Masons**

# Tom's Membership Corner

I'm sitting here writing this article while waiting on my truck's oil to be changed. I get this done in Plainfield not only because this is where I bought my truck, but because I receive outstanding customer service. I drive past no less than five dealerships that sell my brand of truck, but the way that they make me feel and their no-nonsense approach they do business keeps me coming back. I hope that



**Tom Fallis, 33°  
Membership Director**

you, as a member of the Valley of Indianapolis, feel the same way, and that the way that we "do business" is why you stay a member and is why you keep coming back.

Each year, the Presiding Officers of our four constituent bodies, plan ahead and try to come up with programs that will interest you and will keep you coming back. Over the years, we have dropped some events that have just not been that well attended and we have added some that just have not gained much traction. If one or more of those were your favorite events, we are sorry. Please know that we are constantly looking for events that interest as many of our members as we can. The biggest success that we have had is with our Stated Meetings and Degree Presentations.

Five years ago, we changed our meetings to be more meaningful to our members. Each of our 10 meetings has a purpose. Whether it is degree work, informational talks, festive

boards, or just spending time at Washington's Retreat, our meetings are there for more than just reading names and paying bills. I've always said, "The meeting is the reason to come, but what we after the meeting is why you will keep coming back." The meetings are not the only things that we have to offer. We have board game nights, membership plays, and family events just to name a few. Our degree work is second to none. It usually involves a couple of hundred members to put on one of our two convocation/reunions that we hold each year.



Our members can get involved in many ways other than just coming to our events and programs. We have many committees ranging from Tilers, Banquet, and Assistant Masters of Ceremonies to name a few. The biggest area for you to get involved is in our theater. Stage crew, lighting, set construction, small props, and actors are always in need and is a great way to get to know a lot of your Brothers in a short amount of time all in a fun atmosphere. The stage is where I got my feet wet, as did the majority of our most active members.

If there is something that you are interested in that we don't offer, then I invite you to contact us, and we will take a look at your idea. This is your Valley and we want you to be as involved as you want to be. We will never take your membership for granted and we are always striving to make your Valley "The Rite place to be." We hope that while you are with us, your time is well spent.

## April 22 Convocation in Indy

*honoring Illustrious William R Gommel, 33° and Illustrious Irwin H Sacks, 33° Class*

Adoniram Lodge of Perfection Degrees

7:30-8:30 am Candidate Check-in  
8:30 am 4° Master Traveler  
14° Grand Elect Mason

Saraiah Council of Princes of Jerusalem Degree

15° Knight of the East

Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix Degree

18° Knight of the Rose Croix

Indiana Consistory Degrees

1:15 pm 20° Master Ad Vitam  
32° Sublime Prince Royal Secret

# We are Looking for You to Fill a Role

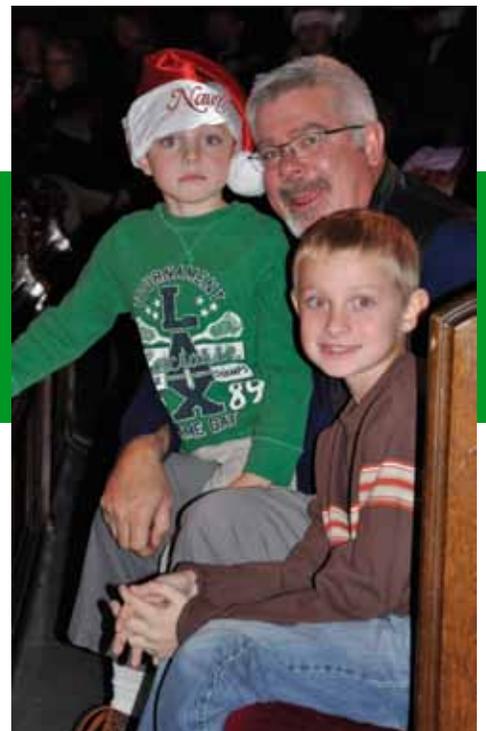
Our members have a great time dressing up in period costumes and portraying the lessons of our degrees to new initiates and 60-year members alike. Each Convocation requires more than a hundred men to fill each of the roles from lighting, to props, sound, make-up, costuming, orchestra, and finally, the actors themselves.

If you would like to help us at a future degree presentation, please call Illustrrious Hugh Burns, 33°, Dramatic Director at 317-262-3100 or ask any officer at the Valley.

Officers can be identified by their yellow hats. We look forward to seeing you involved.



*John Essex (left) and John Cutter brought their families to the Valley for Christmas with Santa for the annual Children's Christmas Party and had a great time. (Look at the name on the Santa hat.)*



# The Glory and Splendor of God's Work

*by Don Reynolds, Most Wise Master*

“And the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.” Luke 2:9-10

Think of how amazing that must have been. To be completely surrounded by the glory of the Lord. Would you be afraid?



I say that we are surrounded by the Glory of the Lord every day, we must just open our eyes and soften our hearts and see the glory and splendor that God has placed around us.

It sound so simple, but really, it's not. There are so many obstacles in our lives which block our vision. Work, lack of work, family issues, health issues, monetary problems, politics, bills, taxes, the list goes on and on and never seems to end.

That is why it is imperative to set aside time and get away from our lives and open our hearts to the glory that God has given us. Take time to enjoy one of Gods glories that he presents to us every day. Take the time to watch a sunset. It doesn't matter where you are; it's there for you every single day. Put aside your worries and concerns for a while and just bask in the glory that God has given you in that moment. Your life will still be waiting for you, but just maybe your burdens will seem a little lighter.



God has placed a whole world out there just waiting for us. Maybe it's the majesty of a 30 ton humpback whale.



But whatever it may be to you, God's glory can be found every day in the world we inhabit. Maybe it's just outside your door or in one of our many state parks, maybe it is just spending a few hours wondering around the local zoo experiencing some of the exotic species that this planet has to offer, maybe it's the simple act of a bald eagle catching today's meal.



Today, if you take a moment to experience God's glory, you will get greedy for it and want it every day. You will begin to look for it and you will become a better man, spouse, father and brother mason.



## Ellettsville 245 Presents 5th Degree



*Indianapolis Valley members from Ellettsville Lodge 245 traveled to our stage to portray the 5th Degree following the December Stated Meeting. Other Degrees will be conferred following our monthly meetings in February, March, April, and June.*

*Bring your passport to receive credit for reinforcing the principles that we teach.*

*The Degree team was directed by William J Ludlow, Deputy Master, Lodge of Perfection.*

## Distinguished Brethren Who Served Our Valley



### Illustrious 33rds

*Winfield H Jacobs - September 14, 2016  
Robert E Judah II - October 5, 2016  
Jack E Vickrey - November 8, 2016  
Darrell L Williamson - November 17, 2016  
Max L Carpenter - December 6, 2016  
H Terry Sanders - December 7, 2016  
Richard L Cunningham - December 16, 2016  
Lawrence M Borst, Jr - December 20, 2016  
James B Guffey - January 4, 2017*

### Meritorious Service

*James H Rice - August 1, 2016  
Bobby E Lewis - November 19, 2016*

# Digitized Library Museum Documents

*by Jeffrey Croteau, Director of Library & Archives, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Lexington, MA*

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library has recently launched the Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives Digital Collections website (<http://digitalvgw.omeka.net>), which was created in order to provide Scottish Rite members access to some of the riches of the Library & Archives collection.

The site currently includes around 500 documents from the Library & Archives collection and continues to grow. Among the items that have been digitized so far are a large variety of Masonic certificates, a number of founding documents of the Scottish Rite, and a variety of other materials reflective of the depth and breadth of the Library & Archives collection.

One document that may be of interest to those who enjoy seeing where American political history and Scottish Rite history overlap, is the document pictured here. In this letter, President James Madison (1751-1836) requests Connecticut Senator David Daggett's presence at a special session of the Senate held on March 4, 1817. At this session, Vice President elect Daniel D. Tompkins (1774-1825) was sworn into office, just prior to newly elected President James Monroe's official inauguration ceremony. Tompkins was governor of New York from 1807 until 1817 and then served as Vice President under Monroe from 1817 to 1825. Tompkins' name may also be familiar to you because of his Scottish Rite connec-

tion. He served as the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction's first Sovereign Grand Commander from 1813 until 1825.

The Madison letter is among items digitized from the Library & Archives' G. Edward Elwell, Jr., Autograph Collection which consists of documents collected by G. Edward Elwell, Jr., 33° (1886-1969) a

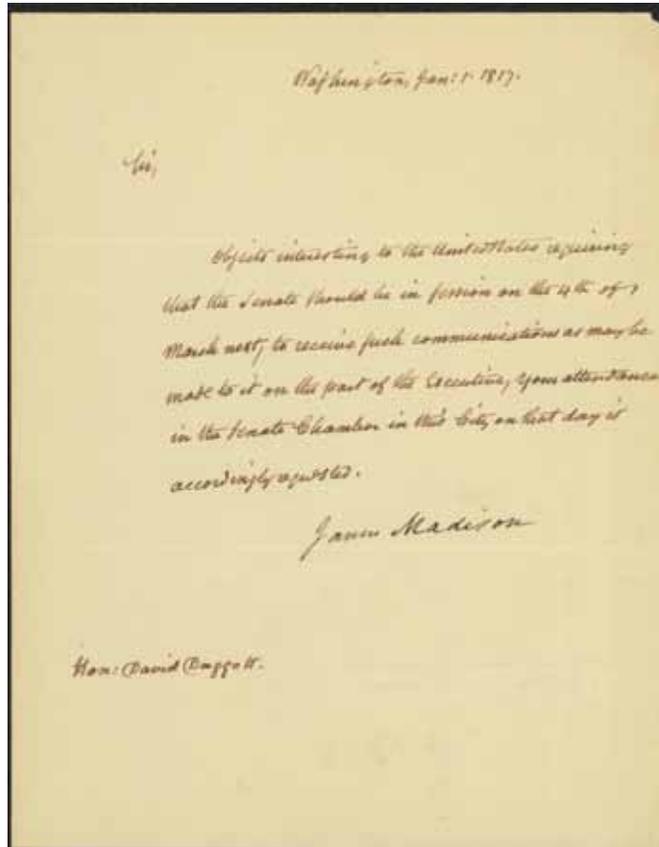
built on the Omeka platform, an open source web-publishing platform for the online display of library, museum, archives, and scholarly collections and exhibitions. The Digital Collections website gives users access to high resolution images of each document. Robust cataloging for each document insures that users searching for materials will find them.

We hope that you'll explore the Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives Digital Collections website and take a look at the many wonderful documents that the Library & Archives preserves and makes accessible through the generosity of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ, USA, and its members. Let us know what you think. We are always happy to receive feedback from users.

The Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives is located just off the main lobby of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library in Lexington, Massachusetts and is open to the public 10 am to 4 pm, Wednesday-Saturday. Reference assistance is provided in person, by phone, or by e-mail.

You may contact us at 781-457-4109 or [library@srmmml.org](mailto:library@srmmml.org).

*Photo Caption: Letter from President James Madison to Senator David Daggett, 1817 January 1, Collection of Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Lexington, Massachusetts, USM 009. Gift of Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. [Available online at: <http://digitalvgw.omeka.net/items/show/91>]*



member of Caldwell Consistory (Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania) and a professional printer. The items in the Elwell Collection, which was generously donated to the Museum & Library by the Caldwell Consistory, span nearly 500 years of history (1489-1960), and each contains the signature of a well-known figure from American or European history.

The Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives Digital Collections website is

# Coming "Rite" Up - Winter 2

## Purdue Glee Club

Our most popular entertainment of the year returns to the beautiful Scottish Rite Theater for their annual performance. The Purdue Glee Club has been performing at the Scottish Rite Cathedral for more than 75 years and will return on **Friday, February 3** at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at the Scottish Rite ticket office – all seats are reserved. Tickets for members are \$12 and \$20 for the general public. *Reserve early for this popular event.*



## Orchestra & Chorus



On **Sunday, March 5** at 3 pm, the Scottish Rite Orchestra will present a delightful afternoon of music for your entertainment. Once again, on **Sunday, May 7 at 3 pm** the Scottish Rite Orchestra and Chorus will entertain. Tickets are FREE for all members and their guests. No food service prior to these events.

## Sweetheart Fest



Plan for a great evening with entertainment for all ages. You are invited to "Put on your dancin' shoes" in the Ballroom on **Saturday, February 11** at 6:30 pm and dance the night away. A buffet will be available at 6 pm. This is open to members and their guests for only \$30. Call the ticket office to reserve your place for this romantic event.

## Board Game Nights

Join us for Board Game Night on **Wednesday, January 18; Friday, February 17; and Friday, March 24 at 6 pm** for an evening of single or family entertainment at the Rite. Brother Luke Stark will be hosting the evening playing Euro-style board games such as Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, Seven Wonders, Lemming Mafia, and others. Eurogames are specifically designed to be played with 2-6 people and are enjoyable for adults as well as children and are easy to learn but difficult to master. Go to <http://aasr-indy-game.com> for reservations. \$5 per adult gets you admission with pizza and soda.



## Spring Comedy Play "Game Show"

The spring membership play will be "Game Show" by Lew Riley and will play on **March 3, 4, & 10, 11**, starting at 7:30 pm each evening. Additionally, there is a matinee on March 11 at 3 pm only.



This comedy goes behind the scenes and in front of the camera as it follows the five contestants of a game show from the time they arrive to the time one of them wins. There are several subplots

that will have you laughing right up to the winner being announced. Have you ever wondered which president was a bachelor? What was unusual about Babe Ruth's uniform when he hit his 60th homerun. These and other intriguing questions will be answered during "Game Show." Mark your calendars now. The play will be directed by Matt Socey and stage managed by Bill Woodruff, 33°.

Tickets are free to members and their guests. For non-members the ticket price is \$10. Call the office 317-262-3100 for your tickets.

# 2017 Events

## Easter Cathedral Hour

For more than sixty years, the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix has honored members of the Valley of Indianapolis who have gone to their eternal rest during the preceding twelve months through its annual observance of the Easter Cathedral Hour and more recently, with the Feast of the Paschal Lamb.



The Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix will officiate this hour on **Sunday, April 9 at 3 pm** in the auditorium. This ceremony features dramatic tableaux surrounding the Easter season as

well as an Easter message and is open to members and their guests without charge.

## Stated Meeting Degree Portrayals

Mark your calendar now for two upcoming special stated meeting presentations. On **Wednesday, February 1**, after a brief stated meeting, we will view the 30th Degree. The Double Eagle Café will be open for dinner beginning at 5:30 pm before the meeting.



Join us again on **Wednesday, March 1** for a Table Lodge Stated Meeting followed by a speaker. Reservations are a must and this meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

On **Wednesday, June 7**, the Valley will portray the 6th Degree for all members. Bring your passports for authentication and once again, the Double Eagle Café will be open for dinner at 5:30 pm.

### Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis

## Activity Schedule

Jan 2017 through Aug 2017

Wed Jan 4 - **Stated Meeting** - 7 pm  
Double Eagle Café open 5:30-7 pm.

Wed Feb 1 - **Stated Meeting** - 7 pm  
Followed by 30th Degree video  
Double Eagle Café open 5:30-7 pm

Fri Feb 3 - **Purdue Glee Club** - 7:30 pm  
Tickets - \$12 for members - \$20 all others  
Double Eagle Café open 5-7 pm

Sat Feb 11 - **Sweetheart Dinner Dance** - 6:30 pm  
Buffet dinner, dance, and games - \$30.

Sat Feb 25 - **GM's Class**  
Symbolic Lodge Degrees. 9 am- 3pm  
No Scottish Rite or Shrine Degrees

Wed Mar 1 - **Table Lodge & Stated Meeting** - 6:30 pm  
Meal with reservations served.

Mar 3,4,10,11 - **Membership Play**  
"Game Show" - by Lew Riley  
Performance at 7:30 pm with 3 pm Matinee on 12 - FREE to members / guests

Sun Mar 5 - **Orchestra/Chorus Concert** - 3 pm  
FREE to members and their guests



Wed Apr 5 - **Stated Meeting** - 7 pm  
Followed by presentation of the 23rd Degree video  
Double Eagle Café open 5:30-7 pm

Call 262-3100 in Indpls or 1-800-489-3579 for more information and reservations.

\*\* NOTICE: ALL RESERVATIONS DUE 5 DAYS IN ADVANCE \*\*

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Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis

# Activity Schedule Jan 2016 through Aug 2016

Sat Apr 8 - **Scottish Rite Talent Show** - TBA

Sun Apr 9 - **Easter Cathedral Hour** - 3 pm

Sat Apr 22 - **Convocation & Reunion**

Six Scottish Rite Degrees conferred with concurrent ladies program

Sat Apr 29 - **Tea & Fashion & More**

Market Place - 9 am  
Silent Auction - 11 am  
Luncheon - noon  
Benefitting the Dyslexia Center - \$30



Wed May 3 - **Annual Elections/Meeting** - 7 pm

Dinner FREE to members 5:30 - 7 pm

Sun May 7 - **Orchestra/Chorus Concert** - 3 pm

FREE to members and their guests

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After he signed, his health failed, his wife and he set out to France to regain his failing health. Their ship never got to France and was never heard from again. Thomas McKean of Delaware was so harrassed by the enemy that he was forced to move his family five times in five months. He served in Congress without pay. His family lived in poverty and forced into hiding. Vandals looted the properties of Ellery, and Clymer, and Hall, and Gwinnett, and Walton, and Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

Thomas Nelson, Jr of Virginia raised two million dollars on his own signature to provision our allies, the French fleet. After the war he personally paid back the loans wiping out his entire estate and he was never reimbursed by his government. In the final battle for Yorktown, he, Nelson, urged General Washington to fire on his own home which was occupied by Cornwallis -- it was destroyed. Thomas Nelson, Jr pledged his life, his fortune and his sacred honor.

The Hessians seized the home of Francis Hopkinson of New Jersey. Francis Lewis had his home and everything destroyed -- his wife imprisoned -- she died within a few months. Richard Stockton who signed that Declaration was captured, mistreated, his health broken to the extent that he died at 51. His estate was pilaged.

Thomas Heyward, Jr was captured when Charleston fell. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside while she was dying. Their 13 children fled in all directions for their lives. His field and gristmill were laid waste and for more than a year he lived in forests and caves and returned home after the war to find his wife dead, his children gone, his properties ravaged and died a few weeks later of exhaustion and a broken heart. Lewis Morris saw his land destroyed, his family scattered. Philip Livingston died within a few months from the hardships of the war.

History remembers John Hancock best due to a quirk of fate more than anything he stood for. That great sweeping signature, attesting to his vanity, towers over the others. He was one of the wealthiest men in New England, yet he stood outside Boston one terrible night of the war and he said, "Burn Boston

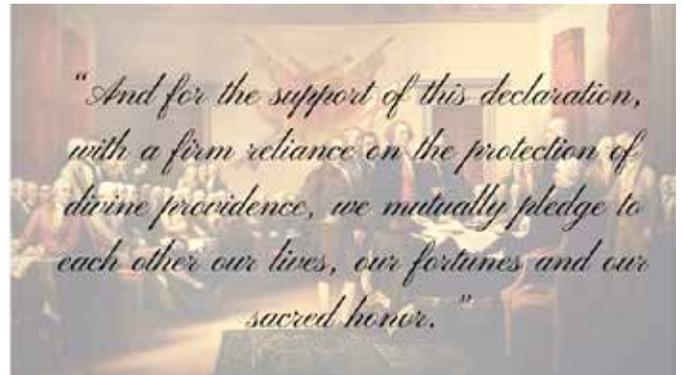
-- though it makes John Hancock a beggar if the public good requires it." He too lived up to the pledge.

Of the 56, few were long to survive. Five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes from Rhode Island to Charleston sacked, looted, occupied by the enemy or burned. Two lost their sons in the Army -- one had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 died in the war from its hardships or from its more merciful bullets.



Thomas Lynch, Jr.

I don't know what impression you had had about the men who met that summer in Philadelphia but I think it's important that we remember this about them: they were not poor men they ... were not wild-eyed pirates. These were men of means -- they were rich, men most of them, and had enjoyed much ease and luxury in their personal living. These were not hungry men -- certainly not terrorists ... not irresponsible malcontents nor fanatical incendiaries. These men were prosperous men, wealthy landowners who were substantially secure in their prosperity they had everything to lose; but, they considered liberty. They pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. They fulfilled their pledge... they paid the price...and freedom was born.



As a returning Vietnam veteran, I experienced culture shock returning from southeast asia to an ungrateful nation. Today, our servicemen and women can wear their uniform publicly and with admiration ... but it's not enough. It's one thing to put on a sticker on your bumper and say to your friends that you support our troops, but perhaps we can go a step further and extend our hand and clasp a soldier by the shoulder and say, "Well done! Please thank your family for their sacrifice as I thank you for your service."

**"Burn Boston if the public good requires it."**

# Campaign for the Cathedral

## Counting Our Blessings

During this time of year, it is appropriate that we give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us in the previous year. Our blessings appear in many different forms.



Some are immediately apparent. Others may take days, months, or even years to realize. Regardless when our blessings are recognized, we should always give thanks.

Your Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation has a list of blessings for which it is grateful:

- For our beautiful Cathedral, unmatched by any other Masonic structure in the world.
- For previous generations of members who had the foresight, courage and resources to build it.

• For the generosity of our current members and benefactors. You have always answered the call when a need has arisen. You understand the importance of preserving our building for future generations.

• For the kindness and courtesies extended to your Director of Development. The friendships formed and bonds created mean much more than you realize.

Of course, there are countless more blessings to list, but the most important blessing is that we are able to meet together as Scottish Rite Masons in a magnificent edifice for our home. For that blessing, your Cathedral Foundation is most grateful.

May you and those you love be together and happy, both now and in the future. May 2017 be a year of success for you. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year. Thank you for a wonderful 2016!

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## Their Family's Sacrifice

by Jerry B Collins, 33° - Editor

During the past 15 years we have taken the fight against terrorism to the Middle East. Politics has dictated the method of how our fighting men and women in our military have conducted themselves through two terms of two administrations. Frustrated with how to adapt to these politics many have returned home after two sometimes three tours of duty confused, angered and suffering, from depressions, post-traumatic stress syndrome, and sadly, some have chosen to take their life. I seem to recollect that three years after the start, bumper stickers began to appear urging "Support our Troops" and "Thank-you for Your Service." However, as a veteran, these words often rang hollow to me and fell far short of genuineness. Our soldiers continue to fight for freedom and security for our way of life and they have taken the fight to the enemy overseas where they are recruited, trained, and sent out to maim not soldiers but the innocents.

More than 240 years ago, we fought for freedom and security for our new way of life in the colonies and away from the oppression of King George III. In 17 days, Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence. You may not be able to quote one line from this document but one line in the last paragraph says, "... we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

In the Pennsylvania state house that's now called Independence Hall in Philadelphia, the best men from each of the

colonies sat down together. It was a very fortunate hour in our nation's history when on one of those rare occasions in the lives of men, when we had greatness to spare. These were men of means and well educated. Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists, nine were farmers -- owners of large plantations. There was no bigotry or demagoguery in this group. All had shared hardships. King George III had denounced all rebels in America as traitors

whose punishment for treason was hanging. These patriots, now so familiar to you from the several signatures on the Declaration of Independence, were kept secret for six months after the signing because each knew the full meaning of that magnificent last paragraph in which his signature played



with his life his fortune and his sacred honor. Fifty-six men placed their names beneath that pledge. Fifty-six men knew when they signed that they were risking everything. They knew that if they won this fight, the best they could expect would be years of hardship in a struggling nation and if they lost, they faced a hangman's rope. But they signed the pledge and here is the documented fate of that gallant group of 56.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, wealthy planter and trader saw his ships swept from the seas to pay his debts. He lost his home and all of his properties and died in rags. Thomas Lynch, Jr, who signed that pledge, was the third generation rice grower -- aristocrat and large Plantation owner.

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