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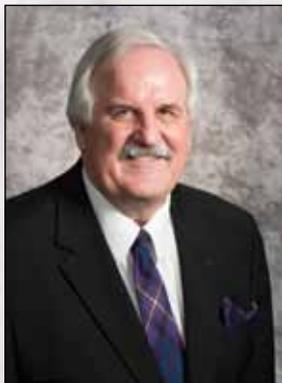


**NEW CATERER BRINGS  
FRESH APPROACH TO VALLEY**

From the Northeast Corner

# Striving to Care for Our Members

This article marks the last one I will write as your Grand Master and Executive Director. This summer I will be your Executive Director only. I want to thank each one of you who have taken the time to encourage me during this year. I appreciate all the kind words from each Scottish Rite Freemason. My goal has been to serve the fraternity well. It has been the experience of a lifetime for me. I have enjoyed serving as your Grand Master. Thank you!



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



*The Double Eagle*

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**Cover Photo**

# Kahns' Catering Opens at the Refreshed Double Eagle Café

*by Jerry B Collins, 33° - Trustee*

Last fall, the Trustees of the Indianapolis Valley thought it was time to take a fresh look and examine the market to explore what we might be able to do to offer our members and clients a better dining experience for the many events held here at our beautiful Cathedral.

It had been 15 years since we had gone through the process of choosing a caterer and it became evident right from the start of this process that the Valley could do better in several categories such as food offerings, presentations, price, and value.

In January, the decision was made to select Kahn's Catering to help us take the next step in enhancing our stature as a destination venue for corporate and private events. With a declining membership, we need to help offset daily building expenses with outside events to keep your membership dues at their current levels.

Kahn's Catering opened their Marketplace as a gourmet food and wine store and small boutique catering business in 1996 and is the largest caterer in central Indiana as listed in the Indianapolis Business Journal. They operate their

signature venue at the Montage (located on the north side of Indianapolis) along with operating cafes at the Eiteljorg

Museum, the Indiana State Museum, the Indianapolis Museum of Art, and the Dallara Indycar Factory.

The Double Eagle Cafe was closed for nearly six weeks while Kahn's prepared for the transition. While they were working on what they needed to do to start service in the Valley, the Trustees began formulating a plan under the direction of Executive

Director Rodney A Mann, 33° with great assistance from our Building Maintenance Director Dale Wheatley, 33° to update the seating area serving the cafe.

New carpeting, freshly painted walls, new ambient lighting and four new large flat screen televisions have given the area a much needed and refreshed look.

The Double Eagle Cafe is open Monday through Friday for lunch and prior to our monthly stated meetings. The food tastes great, the portions won't leave you hungry, and the ambiance is refreshing and relaxing. Come and see for yourself.



**Council of Deliberation**  
**Fri, June 29 - Sat June 30**  
**Michigan City, Indiana**

# Free Cathedral University Begins Open Enrollment

*by Matt Lowe, Indiana Consistory*

When asked why they joined the Scottish Rite, or what they would like to receive more of as a member, one of the most consistent replies from our membership is a desire for more Masonic Education. The Supreme Council - NMJ recently unveiled its Hauts Grades Academy to help meet this need on a jurisdiction-wide level. There remains a void, however, at the local level. To meet that need in Indiana, the Valley of Indianapolis is proud to introduce Cathedral University, a Masonic Education and Study Program administered by the newly chartered College of Deans.

Cathedral University will initially be offered as a benefit only to members of the Valley of Indianapolis, who may enroll and participate at no cost. The program will consist of six modules: five study modules with accompanying open-book exams, and one optional research paper. They will cover various aspects of general Masonic and Scottish Rite history and philosophy. Additionally, the modules will dive into the history of our Valley and Cathedral, and the rituals of our degrees.

Module 1 will cover the Blue Lodge, its ritual, philosophy and history through the founding of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Modules 2 – 5 will cover the Scottish Rite, and concentrate on the history of the Valley of Indianapolis while diving into the philosophy of the degrees (both historic and modern).

Module 6 is entirely optional, and consists of a research paper on a Masonic topic of the student's choice.

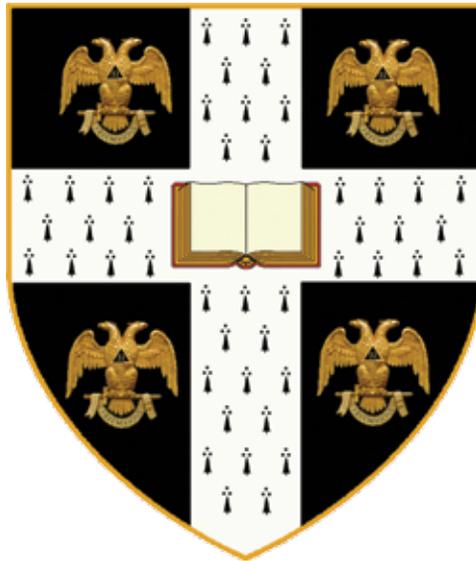
Certificates and diplomas will be awarded upon completion of certain modules, and will be presented annually. Those who complete the optional sixth module will be admitted into the exclusive College of Deans. Here, they will be eligible to score exams and papers, and assist the College in planning further educational opportunities for the Valley.

The Cathedral University Masonic Education and Study Program is designed to be completed with resources already available to all members. It encourages both new and old Masonic scholars to return to their local Lodges, the Cathedral, the Grand Lodge Library and Museum and make use of other resources and well-informed Brethren. The course can be completed individually and at the student's own pace. There are no time limits. Study groups are highly encouraged, and some formal study sessions will be

organized by the College of Deans over the course of the year.

Open enrollment for Module 1 will begin at the 2018 Spring Convocation, with the full course to be available before the end of the calendar year.

Visit our website at [www.aasr-indy.org/about-us/clubs-guilds/cathedral-university/](http://www.aasr-indy.org/about-us/clubs-guilds/cathedral-university/) for more details.



## Here's a Great Gift Idea to Celebrate the New Year!

The Cathedral Foundation still has original brass coat check tags (\$50 each) and cancelled 1932 Scottish Rite Realty stock certificates (\$100 unframed, \$250 framed). They make great gifts for the person who has everything!



# Calling All Scottish Rite Widows

*by Steven J Sonafrank - Rose Croix Officer*

The Scottish Rite motto is “We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills its Masonic obligation to care for our members.” That obligation extends to the widows of our Scottish Rite brethren. Since 1996, the Friendship Circle of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis has existed to provide support, companionship, camaraderie, and Scottish Rite fraternalism for widows of departed members.

By virtue of your husband’s Scottish Rite membership, you are cordially invited to attend the meetings of the Friendship Circle!

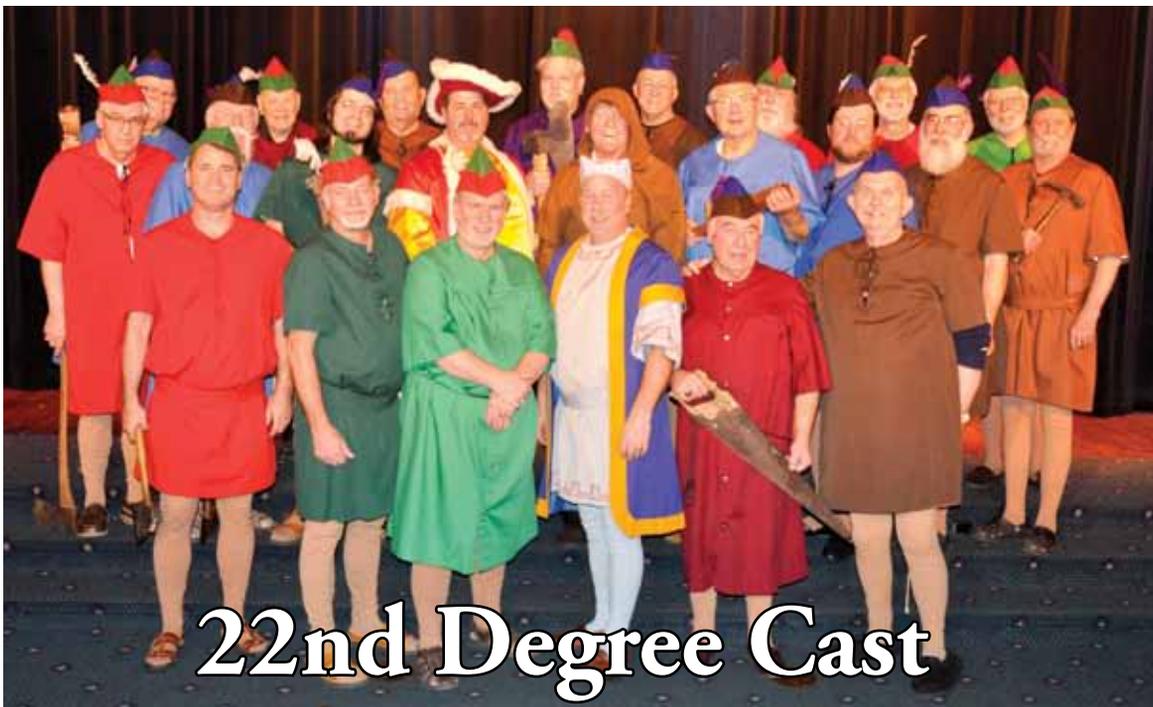
The Friendship Circle meets on the first Monday of every month except July and September. There are no dues, but at each meeting there is a basket for a free will donation when the ladies sign in. The donation helps with greeting cards, speakers’ fees, and any other

occasional expenses. Members assemble at 10:30 a.m. in the Scottish Rite Cathedral Washington Room located near the Double Eagle Café. Each member purchases her lunch in the cafeteria and eats as a group in the Washington Room. After lunch, there is a short business meeting followed by a speaker or some type of fun activity. The meeting is usually adjourned around 12:30-1:00 p.m.

The Friendship circle continues to be a wonderful opportunity for Scottish Rite widows to meet new ladies, renew old friendships and, of course, the opportunity to fellowship and have fun with other ladies who have similar interests. Please mark your calendar for the first Monday of the month to join us at the Scottish Rite for an interesting, enjoyable, informative, and fun time for all. We hope you will be able to join us and we look forward to seeing you soon! If you have any questions, please feel free to call President Joan Melvin at (317) 862-4958.



*Guest speaker Helen Guthrie, age 100, answers questions from the Friendship Circle members about the changes she has seen during a century while President Joan Melvin looks on.*



*Members of the Valley presented the 22nd Degree, Prince of Libanus, following the April Stated Meeting. The degree was directed by Randy Seipel, 33°, MSA and teaches that labor is not a curse, but a privilege, and demonstrates that man is to earn his sustenance by work. Idleness, not labor, is disgraceful.*

# Tom's Membership Corner

## Reinventing Our Brand

Every four years the Walt Disney Corporation reinvents their brand. They do this for two reasons: to keep things fresh and new for repeat visitors and to keep with the trends in vacationer's tastes. The Supreme Council has been keeping up with trends and member's tastes over the last 11 years.



**Tom Fallis, 33<sup>rd</sup>  
Membership Director**

Commander McNaughton noticed things were getting stale within our Valleys and we needed to find a way to keep our members interested in remaining active. He along with the Ritual Committee spent several years and countless hours trying to make our rituals relevant and tangible. They rewrote degrees that were not pertinent in today's society and commissioned most of the degrees to be put on video. Most of all our degrees have at least one of the Scottish Rite's Core Values associated with it and can be discussed with new members after the degree has been viewed.

Late in his term, the Commander reinstated the Grand Almoner's Fund and has been reported on in this article many times. In comes Dave Glattly, the new Sovereign Grand Commander and with him, his own set of priorities.

Shortly after it was announced that he was going to be installed as our new leader at Supreme Council in 2017, he immediately went to work on how the Scottish Rite can continue to be on the forefront of leading the Fraternity. He and his team took the results of a monumental survey that commissioned late in McNaughton's term. The results are in and have been sent to every member of the Northern Jurisdiction with the first issue of the Northern Light under Commander Glattly's term.

The Path Forward is the new program that the Supreme Council has instituted in their continual rebranding. The program involves a new Website, a new educational experience, and a new membership initiative.

The website is easy to navigate and has many educational pages as well as a user-friendly member only area. You can

update your information and take trivia quizzes. They still have informational areas on scholarships and Brother to Brother programs. They even have a new interactive discussion page that just launched.

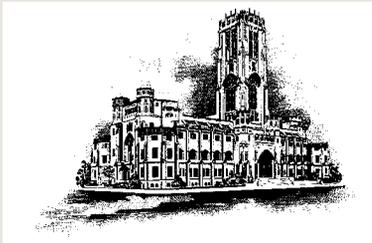


In February, they launched an educational experience like no other. Members can read and learn about Masonry and will be required to write essays on subjects of a Masonic nature before they can graduate from the academy.

The biggest part of the new plan is the membership initiative. The Supreme Council has taken up the cause of helping Grand Lodge's with their membership efforts. Marketing materials and social media images are part of their efforts. The one most important thing about this program is that there is no mention of or branding of the Scottish Rite anywhere on the materials sent to each state. The only icon that you see on these materials is a Square and Compass, and the phrase "Not Just a Man, a Mason". The reason for this is that it proves the commitment that the Scottish Rite has for helping and not taking credit for it. Humility is the name of the game.

Hang on, it looks like it is going to be one heck of a ride. Stay tuned for what is coming up next.





Petition for  
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**To the Officers and Members of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis:**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, 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.

Please Print Full Name

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

All applicants must be: (1) A resident of Indiana for one year (2) A Master Mason in good standing in a Symbolic Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana (3) Recommended by one (1) members of the Valley of Indianapolis.

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

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

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

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Firm Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Payment: \$150.00 - Fee must accompany petition

( ) Check ( ) Cash ( ) Credit

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Exp \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

I am "Bringing a Buddy", to join with me!

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

**Candidate Information**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last  
 Initials are NOT sufficient

**MAILING ADDRESS**

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Were you a DeMolay? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_

**"Valley Visa"**

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

Trustee Report

# 50-Year Partnership with IU School of Medicine Celebrated

by Jerry B Collins, 33° - editor

In August of 1968, Active Illustrious W Henry Roberts, 33°, Past Grand Master, and Past Thrice Potent Master announced that a grant of \$25,000 was made by our Valley for the Indiana University School of Medicine to set up a research program in diseases of the aged. It was made "in the name of every Master Mason in our great state and in honor of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Indiana."

The Indiana Masonic Home was the "ideal place for young physicians to become interested in diseases of old people..." and so the gift was used to help kick start that vision.

On April 4, The Indianapolis Valley was recognized at a special luncheon as the only organization that has contributed to the IU School of Medicine for 50 years when Executive Director Rodney A Mann, 33° presented a check on behalf of the Valley's Trustees for \$100,000 to Dr and Brother Michael Econs, 33°. Dr. Econs is a professor of medicine and medical & molecular genetics and serves as division chief of endocrinology and metabolism.

More specifically, Dr Econs continues the work of Dr Conrad Johnston in identifying the effects of hormones on bones creating disease in the elderly. It was never the goal to develop a medicine to neutralize the gene that tells the body to "dump phosphorous" but that goal appears to be in reach only recently. At the luncheon, Dr Johnston said that it was a truly remarkable accomplishment that philanthropy from people like the Valley when working with academics and then partnering with industry can accomplish wonderful achievements in understanding physiology.

Eight years after the program started, Brother James B Glanton's wife -- who was a patient at IU -- generously gifted the Valley with a \$760,000 gift to guarantee future gifts to the school through endowment. The Valley Trustees manage this fund and disperse only interest earned to guarantee funding in perpetuity. During the course of the past 50 years, the Valley has donated \$2,789,945 and the Glanton Fund has assets of around \$2 million.

The special luncheon was set in the special collection room of the Indianapolis Central Library with a beautiful view of our Cathedral in the background. In commemoration of 50 years, past trustees and doctors were invited. Shown in the group picture is: (Front Row) Jerry B Collins, 33° - Trustee, Gary D Brinley, 33° - Treasurer, Dr and Ill Conrad Johnston, 33°, Rodney A Mann, 33° - Executive Director, Dr Michael Econs, 33°, Nathan C Brindle, 33° - Trustee. (Back Row) Dr Kenneth White, George E Galyean, 33° - Past Trustee, Jeffrey K Saunders, 33° - Past Treasurer, Dr Erik Imel, Dennis D Sheets, 33° - Past Trustee, Edwin E Board, 33° - Past Trustee, Philip S Kappes, 33° - Past Trustee, Dr & Ill Craig Brater, 33°, Marvin C Maguire, 33° - Past Trustee, and Gregory N Jordan, 33° - Past Trustee.





*Members of the Indianapolis Valley were invited by the IU School of Medicine to celebrate 50 years of partnership.*

## Focusing on Building Projects

Since our last issue of the Double Eagle, the Trustees continue to focus on enhancing membership value by renovating, updating, and expanding services within the Cathedral. During the past three months we have painted the kitchen bathroom and storage room, remodeled the Double Eagle Cafe on the mezzanine level (see page 2), ordered carpeting for the new Lodge Room off the main floor lounge, and completed the wi-fi hotspot installation.

Three Lodges -- Mystic Tie 398, Century 764, and Double Eagle, UD have all been approved and have taken up residence in the Cathedral. They all share the new Lodge Room off the Main Lounge and several modifications have been or will be made. Separate controls of the lights, an altar light, and carpeting are still on the agenda in order to make this room a full-functioning Lodge Room. Three carpets have been specially ordered to fit in with the style, character, and functionality of the room's use so that they can be quickly moved to accommodate

an outside event. This room has often served as a "chapel" due to its proximity to the main and south lounges and easy movement of guests. These carpets have been special ordered and should be in place by September.

There are now 34 separate hot spots that serve the building for internet connectivity. The units themselves were not that expensive -- it was running all of the cabling that bore most of the cost. Our members and guests can now enjoy great service and this expense is being born by outside groups that require it.

The Building and Grounds Committee chaired by Ill Jerry B Maple, 33°, Trustee, is busy at work evaluating mechanical systems such as our HVAC unit controls. Listening to Doug Fick, Steve Clymer, 33°, and Dale Wheatley, 33° discuss the flow capacity of an air duct for 30 minutes is interesting -- but they are the experts and do a great job in keeping the building comfortable and seemingly effortlessly.

We are also looking into updating all of the rest rooms throughout the building and providing for loading egress of outside groups on the north side of the Cathedral. Everybody is staying busy and working to improve and maintain our building.

## Prospect Supports Dyslexia Center

*by Jim Keating, Chair, Board of Governors*

It is a source of pride at the Children's Dyslexia Center that we have such a close and meaningful relationship with the Masonic Community. There are many individual Masons who make a point of supporting our work, and certainly a large number of Scottish Rite Masons exemplify the kind of community spirit that characterizes the fraternity.



Recently Prospect Lodge held a dinner on the Feast of St John and assembled a collection to be used to support a charitable cause. Worshipful Master Randy Winters presented a check for \$409 to our Director, Julie Bohannon. The Board of Governors,

tutors at the Center, and parents of our students all sincerely appreciate this donation. The work done by the tutors is truly remarkable and the outcome for students is a source of great pride.

The Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis serves children who struggle with dyslexia, a reading problem that has a negative impact on the ability to read effectively. Students come to the center and are provided tutoring at no cost to the parents. Students are accepted without regard to race, religion, or school affiliation. This is a community service that reflects the best of Masonic values.

## Scottish Rite Chorus is Looking for Singers

Are you a member of the Scottish Rite? Do you enjoy music and singing with a terrific group of men? If so, please join us. No auditions -- all we ask is that you attend enough practices to learn our selections well enough to perform them with us and then sign with confidence and enthusiasm.

We practice on Monday nights from 7 until 8:30 pm at the Cathedral from September through May. Free parking in our gated and secure lot is available on the west side of the building (enter from North Street).

We sing four-part harmony, and our selections may include: patriotic, show tunes, Broadway, spiritual, and a variety of other music. We perform for local Masonic Lodges, the Masonic Home, the Methodist Community (both at Franklin) and two performances a year in our beautiful Cathedral. Our concerts are free and open to the public.

We would like to meet and greet you on any Monday evening you can join our jolly band of singing brothers. Call me, Bob LaGrange, at (317) 885-7409 or email me if it's more convenient at n9siu@yahoo.com.



## April 21 Convocation in Indy

*honoring Illustrious H Terry Sanders, 33<sup>o</sup> and Illustrious James B Guffey, 33<sup>o</sup> Class*

Adoniram Lodge of Perfection Degrees

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

Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix Degree

1 pm 18° Knight of the Rose Croix

Indiana Consistory Degrees

Saraiah Council of Princes of Jerusalem Degree  
10:30 am 16° Prince of Jerusalem

2:30 pm 25° Master of Achievement  
29° Knight of St Andrew

**Volunteer to help the Makeup and Chorus departments!**

# God's Gift of Peace

*by Don R Reynolds, Most Wise Master*

One of the most important and sacred gifts we are given by God is peace. I am not talking about peace between nations, I am talking about the peace we can find within ourselves. That



peace we find when we can relax and let the cares and stresses of the world around us disappear from our thoughts. This is the time when our mind and body heal and we have the chance to become better versions of ourselves.

This peace is one of Gods gifts that we have the most trouble accepting today. The world around us seems to be moving faster and faster each day. The

demands on our time are becoming greater. Even our technology, which is supposed to make our lives easier, prevents us from getting away and finding the inner peace that we need. Our phones have become an indispensable part of our lives but they also prevent us from getting away from the rest of the world. We are always available for work, family and others.

God presents us opportunities to relax and find inner peace every day but we are too busy to see and accept them. Maybe it is a beautiful sunrise or sunset that we miss because we are traveling to or from our work. Maybe it is a simple walk in the woods that we don't take because we may be out of cell service.

It is especially important for us, as Freemasons, to try to set aside time to accept God's gift of peace. One of the first things stated when we knocked on the door of the lodge room was, we come here to this Fraternity to subdue our passions and improve ourselves in Masonry. When our lives are in turmoil and we are not at peace within ourselves, we will not be able to better ourselves.

We must all make a pledge to ourselves today to make an effort to slow down and accept God's gift of peace into our hearts and minds. This gift will allow us to improve ourselves and become the men our God wants us to be.

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This May, my term as Most Wise Master of the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix will be ending. It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to have served you the last two years. I have strived to live up to the expectations that you have and to be the officer the Valley needed and you deserved during this time. I want to express my sincere gratitude to the membership of the Valley for allowing me to serve you in this esteemed position. I can think of no greater gift this Fraternity has given me, than to have been able to share the Story of the Cross in the 18th Degree. I give you this promise; I will not just fade away into the night, I will be here attending our events and enjoying my time with my Scottish Rite Brothers as I see what new opportunities our great Fraternity has for me. Thank you all for being my Brothers.



Photo by Don R Reynolds

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds. -- Philippians 4:7*

# 2018 ALL INDIANA FREEMASON AND SHRINE GOLF OUTING

## Country Club of Indianapolis

2801 Country Club Rd  
Indianapolis, IN 46234

Thursday, June 28, 2018



Indiana Masonic Home  
Foundation

Registration 11:00am  
Shotgun Start 12:00pm  
Reception/Dinner 5:00pm



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### EVENT SPONSOR - \$5000

8 golfers, name on program, website, banner  
and logo on souvenir for golfers

### DINNER SPONSOR - \$3000

4 golfers, name on program, website  
and banner at dinner, hole sign

### RECEPTION SPONSOR - \$1500

4 golfers, name on program, drink tickets  
and signage at reception

### LUNCH SPONSOR - \$2000

4 golfers, name on program, website  
and banner at lunch

### BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR - \$1000

4 golfers, signage on beverage carts and program

### GOLF AND HOLE SPONSOR - \$550

4 golfers, hole sign, and program

### DRIVING RANGE SPONSOR - \$500

2 golfers, signage on the driving range and program

### FRONT 9/BACK 9 SPONSOR - \$500

2 golfers and banner at hole #1 or 9

### HOLE SPONSOR - \$150

Hole Sign

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Organizations benefiting from the golf outing proceeds:

Indiana Masonic Home Foundation [www.imhf.org](http://www.imhf.org)

Shriners Hospitals for Children [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org)

# The All-Star Masonic Baseball Game

by Ymelda Rivera Laxton, Assistant Curator  
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library

The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library owns over one thousand photographs of Freemasons, members of fraternal groups, and their families, from around the world. The photographs illustrate how Freemasonry and fraternalism are related to many different aspects of society and popular culture, including “America’s national pastime” baseball. This 1935 group photograph, “All Star Masonic Baseball Game,” commemorates a game played in Trenton, New Jersey, between National League and American League players. The Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Trenton Forest, No. 4, sponsored the game, played on October 13, 1935, at Wetzel Field. The National League beat the American League seven to six. The game was part of a fund raising event that included a banquet and entertainment at Crescent Temple and benefited the Masonic Tall Cedar Hospital Endowment Fund.

The photograph features several Baseball Hall of Famers, including Arthur “Dazzy” Vance (1891-1961) and James “The Beast” Foxx (1907-1967), wearing their respective fraternal headgear. New York Yankees third baseman Robert “Red” Rolfe (1908-1969) gave a copy of this photograph to his nephew Don Randall. Randall later donated the photograph to the Museum & Library in 1990. Rolfe, a New Hampshire native and athletic

director at Dartmouth College from 1954-1967, played in the game and is pictured.

It is unclear whether the Tall Cedars of Lebanon or other Masonic groups have hosted another professional All-Star baseball game since 1935. There was a Masonic baseball league active in the early 1900s. Teams played throughout the United States from Detroit, Michigan, and Duluth, Minnesota, to Newark, New Jersey. Freemasons in Duluth even organized an indoor baseball league in 1914, which was active into the 1920s. Interestingly, in a 1910 edition of the *Masonic Voice-Review*, several Grand Masters of Illinois are cited as ruling that a group of baseball clubs with all-Masonic players could not use the name “Masonic Baseball League” or any other name in which Mason or Masonic appeared in the jurisdiction. While the teams were not banned, Past Illinois Grand Master Alexander H. Bell stated “it would not do for lodges to vote funds for the entertainment and amusement of a few members, who desire to engage in something foreign to Masonry.”

Do you have any photographs, objects, or stories related to Masonic baseball leagues or Masons in baseball? E-mail Ymelda Rivera Laxton, Assistant Curator, at [ylaxton@srmml.org](mailto:ylaxton@srmml.org).

To see the image online, visit our HistoryPin page at: <https://www.historypin.org/en/person/64613>.



ALL Star Masonic BASEBALL GAME PLAYED IN TRENTON, N. J., OCT. 12, 1935

between NATIONAL and AMERICAN LEAGUE Players. Nationals winning score 7-6  
under auspices of Tall Cedars, Trenton Forest, No. 4

W. CLIFFORD CASE, Grand Tall Cedar

FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT—

TRY PULLEN, Captain; Sam Jones, Lefty Green, Sam Foxx, Jimmie Foxx, Rip Collins, Cliff Case, G. T. C. Trenton Foster, Max Bishop, Herb Pennock, Charles Gilbert, Frankie Hayes

MIDDLE ROW—Holt, Elton Allen, Gus Davis, Danny Yarns, Walter Hoyt, Bud Robb, Carley Olson, Dick Paster

BACK ROW—Chasley Hargreaves, Gus Karschke, Rucky Walters, Rube Wallberg, Jim Pattison, Lena Blackburn

*All Star Masonic Baseball Game Played in Trenton, N.J., 1935. Moyer, Trenton, New Jersey. Gift of Donald Randall, 90.42.*

## Coming "Rite" Up

### Orchestra & Chorus



On **Sunday, April 15**, at 3 pm, the Scottish Rite Orchestra will present a delightful afternoon of music for your entertainment. Once again, on **Sunday, May 6, 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.



### Board Game Nights

Join us for Board Game Night on **Friday nights on April 27, May 18, and June 22, 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.



## BBQ, Fireworks & Fun

For the 14th consecutive year, the Indianapolis Valley will host a fabulous 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Party on Wednesday, July 4 at 6:30 pm in beautiful downtown Indianapolis. This unique event has grown into a wonderful get-together for Rite members, their families, and specially invited guests.

The day starts with a \$10 (adults) \$5 (children) cook-out inside the Cathedral at 6:30 pm. This scrumptious feast is provided by the Knights of St Andrew that includes the typical fixin's found at any BBQ during this time of the year. The Knights of St Andrew is a group of more than 100 brothers who help to raise funds for the 32° Children's Dyslexia Center.

After the meal, many members then await the coming darkness and fireworks display by setting up lounge chairs, ice chests filled with their favorite beverages, and blankets spread on the ground in family circles reminiscent of gathering around a fire on a camping trip and then spend a relaxing time catching up with friends in a casual atmosphere. It's fun to see kids of all ages frolic by throwing frisbees, lighting sparklers, and tossing footballs.

The main event begins promptly at 10 pm and never disappoints. Every year thousands flood downtown for this dazzling display of fireworks, and you can enjoy this private party inside our securely-fenced west parking lot.



# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dyslexia Center Ladies Tea Set for April 28

*Jim Keating, English Dept, Butler University  
Chairman of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis*

At the Scottish Rite Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis we provide high quality multi sensory reading and written language tutorial services for children with dyslexia, an inherited neurological disorder that affects the way children learn



to read and speak as well as how they process things mathematically. The positive impact on the lives of the children who receive one-on-one individualized tutoring at our center is enormous. Services are provided without cost to families and all children diagnosed with dyslexia are welcome without regard to religion, race, ethnic background, school district, or Masonic affiliation.

The cost to tutor one child a year is approximately \$5000. One of the ways we cover these expenses is by fund raising. Our most popular event is the annual Ladies Tea. This year the tea is scheduled for Saturday, April 28. Please mark

**Tickets \$40**  
**317-262-3115 or**  
**www.CDCOI.org**

your calendar and encourage your spouse, neighbors, and ladies with whom you work to attend. In addition to a fine lunch that will be provided by our new caterer, Kahn's Catering, there is a bazaar and silent auction. The fashion show will be sponsored by Avon Dress Barn.

For information about the tea, please contact the Children's Dyslexia Center at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Jan Good, administrative assistant, will be happy to provide further information by contacting her at: [assistantcdcoi@gmail.com](mailto:assistantcdcoi@gmail.com) or by calling (317)262-3115, Monday through Thursday from 3-7pm, or visit our website at [www.cdcoi.org](http://www.cdcoi.org). Thanks to all of the members of the Indianapolis Valley for your unwavering support.

**Marketplace Opens - 9 am**  
**50/50 Drawing**  
**Gift Card Raffle**  
**Fashion Show - 12:45**



# Campaign for the Cathedral

## Announcing the Tower Guild



It is very much appreciated when a member or his widow names the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation as the recipient of a bequest in a will or the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. It indicates the decedent's pride in being a member of the Valley of Indianapolis and the desire to preserve our beautiful Scottish Rite home.

In most cases, the Cathedral Foundation is not aware it has been named a beneficiary until an estate is being settled and a gift arrives unexpectedly. Although receiving a gift in this manner is always a pleasant surprise, it also brings a degree of regret because the Cathedral Foundation was not able to recognize and honor the donor while he or she was living.

To address this issue and honor those who have named the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation as a beneficiary, we are pleased to announce the creation of a new giving society called the Tower Guild.

Becoming a Tower Guild member is easy. If you intend to name the Cathedral Foundation in your estate planning, simply fill out the non-binding letter of intent, sign it, and return it to the Cathedral Foundation. A copy will be returned to you for your records. This will allow us to identify you as a donor and will greatly assist in planning for future projects. It is important to remember that your estate is not legally bound by this letter of intent. The amount of your gift will remain strictly confidential.

Once you become a Tower Guild member, you will be honored at an annual dinner. You will also receive special recognition identifying you as a member of the Tower Guild.

Please remember the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation in your estate planning by returning the letter of intent included in this issue. To paraphrase the old saying: "If there's a will, WE WANT TO BE IN IT!"

# The Tower Guild

## Letter of Intent

Because I take pride in being a Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Indianapolis, I want to be a leader in preserving our beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral. As evidence of my support, I hereby inform the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation that I have made provisions to name the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation as a beneficiary in my estate plans. By doing so, I am affirming my desire that the Cathedral should perpetually remain the most admired building in downtown Indianapolis. I wish to inform you for planning purposes only that, as of this date, the approximate value of said gift is

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate.

The gift is intended to be used for (check all that apply):

Building fund (for maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral)

A specific project \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of specific project

I understand that my estate is not legally bound by this statement and I may choose to add, subtract, or revoke this bequest at any time at my sole discretion. **THE INDIANAPOLIS SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL FOUNDATION KINDLY REQUESTS NOTIFICATION AT ANY TIME I MAKE CHANGES TO THE GIFT.**

While the amount of my gift shall remain confidential and will never be listed in any Scottish Rite Indianapolis Valley publication without my permission, the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation may publish my name as a motivation for others to leave a future gift to benefit the Scottish Rite Cathedral unless noted below.

I prefer not to be recognized in any Scottish Rite Indianapolis Valley publication. (Anonymous)

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*Listed here are members and friends of the Valley of Indianapolis who contributed to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation, Inc during the year November 1, 2017, through February 28, 2018. 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.*



**Steven J Sonafrank**  
**Director of Development**

We would like to thank these leaders in our Valley for their generous donation during the period of November 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018.

Please insert this simple phrase when updating your will to make a bequest to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation:

“I/we hereby bequeath to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation, 650 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46204, the sum of (\$\_\_\_dollars) or (\_\_\_% of my/our estate).”

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# Taking up Elijah's Mantel

*by Jerry B Collins, editor*

2 Kings 2: The prophet Elijah was about to be taken up to heaven in a whirlwind. He had an assistant named Elisha who was like a son to him. Elisha took care of Elijah and travelled with him everywhere caring for his needs. One day, Elijah asked Elisha to stay while he went to the city of Bethel. Elisha knew that the prophet was about to be taken up and could have stayed, but he was faithful and committed to Elijah and went with him. From Bethel to Jericho, Elijah again told Elisha to stay there, but again he refused. Even a third time, Elijah was about to travel to the Jordan River and told Elisha to stay here. But again he refused. Three times he asked and thrice he was refused because Elisha was determined and committed to helping his mentor -- I'm going to stick with you in the tough times as the end was approaching. He refused to take the easy way out. He was committed, he was loyal, and someone you could count on. As they crossed the Jordan River, Elijah asked, "what can I do for you before I leave?" Elisha asked for a double portion of his anointing. Elijah responded, "you have asked a hard thing, but if you see me as I am taken up in a whirlwind, you shall have it."

A short time later a whirlwind took Elijah up to the heavens and his mantle fell on Elisha who took up his staff. He touched the Jordan River and it parted. Elisha ended up performing twice as many miracles as Elijah. Here's my point: He would never have seen the double portion if he had not stayed committed. If he would have abandoned his charge and stayed behind, he wouldn't have seen the fullness of his destiny. There will be plenty of times you will be tempted to walk away from a dream, a marriage, a church, a job -- you may miss the double portion that is coming up around the corner. Stay committed when it's hard -- do the right thing when the wrong thing is happening. When you stay loyal, consistent, and faithful a double portion is coming.

This double portion is not for everyone. It's not common or ordinary -- it's for people who do more than they have to

-- for those who go the extra mile and don't give up when a little adversity comes their way. This is often a test. How will you measure up? When you stay committed, God will see your heart and suddenly things will turn around. Many have passed this test.

In 1960, a young man had a vision to open a pizza place. He was an orphan and raised by Catholic nuns. He borrowed \$900 and started a pizza place. He had all kinds of bad breaks. A business partner got into his account and stole thousands of dollars. In 1968, a fire burned his building down and he received pennies on the dollar from his insurance company. He could have gotten discouraged, but he stayed committed to the dream God had placed on his heart. He then had an idea that instead of people picking up their pizzas, he would take the pizza to the people and started the first pizza delivery service and called it Dominos. Today there are more than 6000 stores and Tom Monaghan ultimately sold his company for \$1 billion. He is incredibly generous and today helps children around the world.

When you joined Freemasonry -- and our beloved Scottish Rite -- you were looking for something you couldn't find elsewhere and landed in our Valley. However you came to us, we appreciate your membership and want to know, what else can we do for you? Likewise, I am asking you to stay committed to the course that brought you here. All of my friends are Masons -- those who are not have faded away. Masons are committed ...Masons recognize the value of not only keeping their membership, but keeping it active through participation. I fondly remember those who have mentored me throughout my Masonic journey. Now, 26 years later, it is my turn -- rather my obligation -- to mentor those newer men who will one day accept the torch just as Elisha took up Elijah's mantle.