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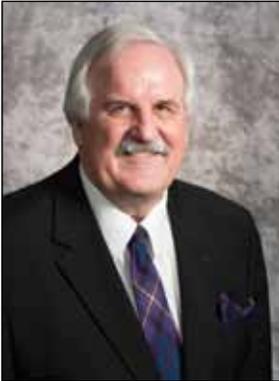
**SUPREME COUNCIL ELECTS
ACTIVE PAUL ST PIERRE**

From the Northeast Corner

Boots on the Ground!

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4th "Best of Show" for Reynolds



The 2018 Indiana State Fair Photo Competition proved to be very successful for Past Most Wise Master and Current Valley Treasurer Don Reynolds. Don brought home two Best of Show ribbons this year. One for Best of Show Amateur Color and the other Best of Show in the State Fair Theme Competition. Don's Best of Show Amateur Color entry was a unique staircase which looked like a "light bulb." It is found in a building called "The

House of the Black Madonna" in Prague, Czech Republic. Just inside the entrance is a stairwell leading up to a cafe called the "Grand Café Orient." Most visitors enter the building and climb the stairs to the Café, but if you stop and look up through the center of the staircase, you will be rewarded with the unique optical illusion of the staircase turning into a light bulb.

Five Elected to 33rd

The Council of Deliberation of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the state of Indiana has announced that the following Brothers were recently elected to receive the 33rd degree in Milwaukee in August 2019. Congratulations to these worthy Brethren who have been recognized for their distinguished service to the fraternity or to their community and have now been selected to higher service within the fraternity.

Douglas D Fick
James R Keating
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Santa & Marionette Show Thrills the Kids

Since 1952, the Melchior Marionettes have been performing throughout the US, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Asia. Join third generation of The Melchior Marionettes, Heidi, as she shares her beautifully handcrafted marionettes.

This fast-paced, cabaret style marionette show features a variety of trick marionettes and seasonal music. Cabaret style means that the puppeteer is in full view of the audience, allowing the children to get lost in the illusion while adults can watch how it all works. All marionettes that performed in the show have been crafted by either Erica Melchior, Peggy Pearson-Melchior or Heidi Shackelford. Heidi, her mother Peggy Melchior, and business partner Debbi White own and operate Peewinkle's Puppet Studio at the Indiana State Museum. While Peewinkle's Puppet Studio is celebrating its 20th birthday, they are also celebrating year three in their new location at the Indiana State Museum.

Santa arrived after the show to the delight of one and all as the kids stood in line to whisper how good they have been all year in hopes of getting most of their wish list filled.



Congratulations to These Brethren Who Are Celebrating Important Birthdays

107
Edward Emerson Wilbur

105
James M Thompson

104
Carlos L Goode

103
Robert M Hinshaw
Donald M Miller

102
Frank L Daum
Edwin E Hunter

101
James L Merrell
Elson L Clayton
Donald D Utter
Ralph S Yarling
Bernard M Hill
Russell C Ashby

100
Emil H Gibson
Joseph E Kinnard
Warren F Brint
Gerald E Johnson
William J Tavenor
George R Wagner
Thomas D Willman
Charles T Ross

99
Robert L Rash, Sr
John C Williams
Benjamin F Sturm
Robert L Holdeman
James H Freeman

98
Herschel E O'Shaughnessey
Vincent J Woodward
Cameron E Flick
James H Esco
David Bowman
Lloyd S Darr
Willis A Skiles

David L Steward
Ralph E Davis
Julius J Bianconi
Douglas L Skinner

97
John T Drake
C Eugene Chastain



Wayne A Brodhecker
Aca E Wood
Raymond H Scheffler
Claude R Bunch
Thomas C Patterson
Robert E Boldrey
James H Johnson
Frederick E Wolf
Gale C Burchett
Earl L Warren, Jr
Edward W Sutherland
Gordon R Dunn
Stanley H Robinson
Carl J Mundell
Edward K Roggenkamp, Jr
Reford Young
James G Pierce
James H Jordan
Willard P Zimmerman, Jr
Cecil M Higginbotham
Walter S Inman, Jr
William T Johnston
Thomas Stieglitz
Robert C Boomershine
Lawrence E Brewer
Robert P Ratz
Ross E Myers
Alfred E Hein

96
Arthur C Kissel
John S Coffin
John H Rawlins
Joseph M Fisher
Clell Hooker, Jr
Ward F Oliphant
Russell H Ware

Donald E Orr
Raymond Edward Rittman
Robert L Kleeman, 33°
Charles L Wolff
Thomas E McCarty
Delbert R Baston
Edwin J Dietzel
Edward R Applegate, Jr
Dale A Ernest
Kenneth A Nelson
James W Porter
Herman W Schaekel, Jr
Lavern A Wilkerson
Charles G Fromer, 33°
Cleetus R Owens
Wayne F Gregory
Robert A Hatten
Dorel C Beller
Donald L Willis
Donald A Walters
Russell H Vantreese
Ward T Ecoff
John R Baker
John B Lofland
John A Wallace
Thomas B Havens
George M Cropp, Jr
Andrew J Snavely

Willie H Blythe, MSA

95
Robert P Sanders
Robert F Bradbury, MSA
James A Timmons
Maurice J Kennedy
John H Pemberton
Elliot Murdock
Michael Russak
James R Wallar
Walter B Tinsley, Jr
Lewis H Dickson
Jesse E Adams, Sr
John L Kleinops
Charles F Roark
C R Sandlin
Raymond G Stormes
Cecil O Jackson
Gayle T Kring
John Paul Isenbarger
Orsa L Reed
Marion R Simpson
Robert L Bridges
Morris J Faulk
Melvin K Payne
James W Biddle
Everett D Goss
Alfred M Sheehan
Myron J McKee, Jr
Carl A Trump
Robert E Snyder
Raymond P Morris
Russell L Fawcett
Lloyd L McDaniel
Donald E Hartling
Robert E Fox
Comer C Turner
William A Doles
Frankie D Koons
James C Smith
Mark L Griffin
Charles E Love
Ralph D McCurdy
William R Lamb
Neil Benjamin Munn
Paul R Wilson
Eddie Harmon, Jr
Norris M Archer

Bill's Membership Corner

Membership Committee Gets Fresh Look

by Bill Ludlow, Membership Chairman

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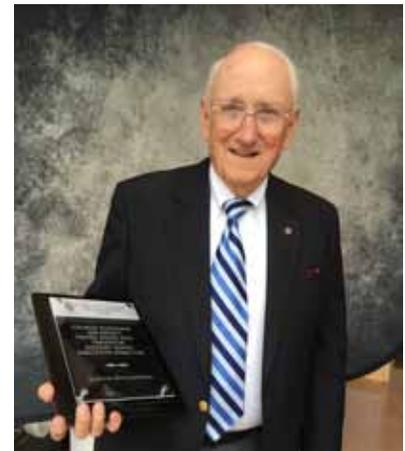
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Meier Earns Award

On September 27, 2018, Ill Henry G Meier, 33° accepted AIA-Indiana's H Roll McLaughlin award on behalf of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The H Roll McLaughlin Award honors a structure over 25 years old that is of architectural and historical significance. The award is named in honor of Ill H Roll McLaughlin, 33°, who was a renowned architect and instrumental in promoting historic preservation in Indiana. He was responsible for helping establish the Historic Landmarks Foundation (now known as Indiana Landmarks). He oversaw restoration of many historic buildings throughout Indiana, including the City Market and Benjamin Harrison House. Brother McLaughlin became a Scottish Rite Mason in 1948 and was crowned a 33rd degree Mason in 1980. He passed away last year at the age of 94.



Revisiting Damocles

by Eric Vermeulen, Senior Warden

Six months ago, in a nod to Indianapolis Valley history and tradition, Illustrious Dale E Wheatley, 33°, our cathedral facilities manager, rehung the symbolic Sword of Damocles from the ceiling of our magnificent auditorium, where it once again serves as a subtle visual reminder of a valuable lesson.



You may recall the story of Damocles, whose mythical interaction with his king, Dionysius II, led the monarch to make a startling offer. Because Damocles had expressed that he believed kings were fortunate to possess so

much power, King Dionysius proposed to switch places temporarily with Damocles so that he could experience for himself what it was like to wield such potent authority. Naturally, as most of us would, Damocles jumped at the chance.

What Damocles did not realize was that the king had arranged to have a sword hovering constantly over the throne, held in place by a mere hair from a horse's tail. The threat from above illustrated that leadership can exact a high price, and without warning. Once Damocles became aware of the constant peril that the sword represented, he quickly changed his views on the relative merits of having authority, and asked to return to his regular duties. In dramatic fashion, Damocles had learned that, with awesome power, comes sobering responsibility.

As Scottish Rite Masons, we all are called to be leaders, both within and without the fraternity, and each of us has been granted the awesome power to make our Valley and our Lodges better than when we first encountered them. We can choose to exercise that power in a multitude of ways such as lending our talents to degree work, serving on committees, recruiting new members, conducting tours of our building and assisting with activities. These, and many others, are missions vital to our operation which also help to fulfill and invigorate us as members.

Sometimes, however, as we undertake such duties, we can begin to feel the weight—and even the danger—of our responsibilities, which may deter us from attaining our goals. The

perceived peril may be as simple as the potential to look foolish on stage, or as complicated as the fear of making the wrong decision.

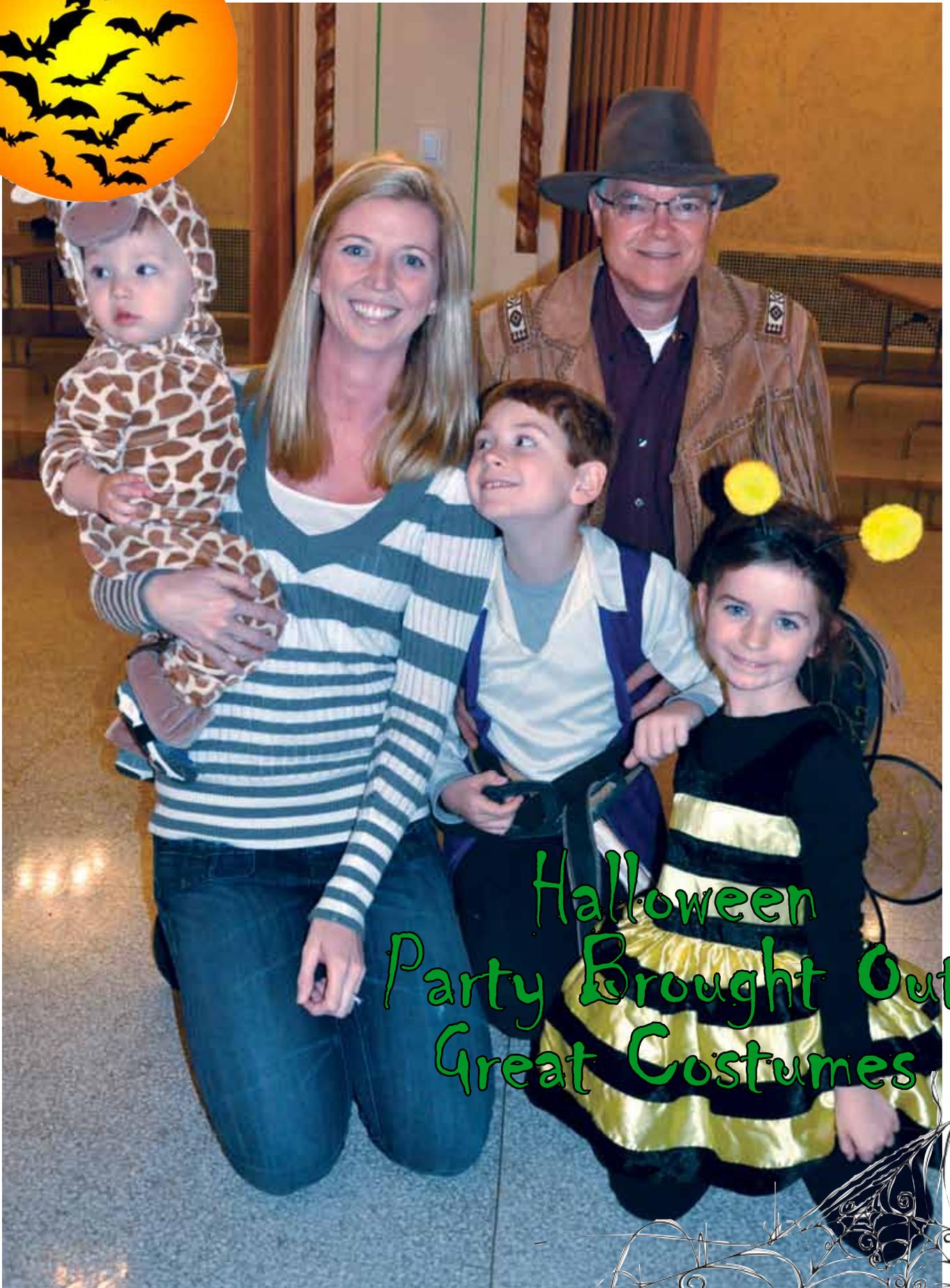
It is imperative that we not allow such fear to paralyze us, or to halt us in our tracks before we even try. The work in which we all are engaged is too important for that to occur. We must have faith that if we are proceeding on the basis of the Scottish Rite's Core Values of Reverence for God, Devotion to Country, Integrity, Justice, Toleration, and Service, we can never swerve too far off course.



Let us encourage one another in our work so that it seems less daunting. By recommitting ourselves to fostering an environment of brotherly love and support, we can lessen the impact of any well-meaning effort that comes up short and redirect ourselves toward success on subsequent go-rounds.

I challenge us all to embrace our own personal Sword of Damocles and to look upon them as motivators rather than instruments of impending doom.

And the next time you walk into our beautiful auditorium, I invite you to look up, find the Sword of Damocles, and fearlessly dedicate yourself anew to tackling the challenges and opportunities of our fraternity.



Halloween
Party Brought Out
Great Costumes



A Mark Degree Certificate

by Hilary Anderson Stelling, Director of Collections and Exhibitions, hstelling@srmmml.org
 Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Lexington, Massachusetts, srmmml.org

On March 4, 1820, the officers of a Mark Master Lodge signed and issued a certificate to William Gordon. This document attested that Gordon had received the Mark Master Mason Degree and that the Lodge Officers recommended him “to all Free and Accepted Masons on the Globe.”

This colorful certificate, with its charming portrayals of a Lodge Master wearing the jewel of his office, is an intriguing one. In the early 1800s some Grand Lodges, such as the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, began issuing certificates for all newly made Master Masons. As the number of Masonic Lodges and members grew, many certificates were issued and saved; today they are fairly common. However, certificates for the Mark Master Mason Degree dating from the early 1800s are rare. This one, preserved in the collection of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, appears to be the only example in that collection. Though the Museum & Library holds several Royal Arch certificates from the early 1800s in its collection, it does not have any that were issued specifically for the Mark Degree.

The information printed on the bottom edge of this certificate, which says, “Engraved by Brother Amos Doolittle New Haven: for H. Parmele Diaploma [sic] of the 4th Degree. The above may be had of Br’s [name scratched out] Phild. Saml Maverick New York, A. Doolittle New Haven, and I. W. Clark Albany...,” adds to its interesting features. This legend tells us the production and sale of the certificate was conceived of as a coordinated effort involving several entrepreneurs.

Amos Doolittle (1754–1832), a New Haven artisan, engraved the certificate. He did so for Henry Parmele (d. 1821), an author and publisher who also sold engraved Masonic aprons. From the brief information noted on the certificate, Parmele seems to have arranged that colleagues in different parts of the

country offer the certificate, or diploma, to customers. Doolittle made the certificates available in New Haven. Samuel Maverick (1789–1845), an engraver and printer, sold them in New York City. Israel W. Clark (ca. 1789–1828), a printer, publisher, and editor in Albany, had them for sale in that city. The scratched out name likely read “Wm McCorkle,” possibly William McCorkle (ca. 1776–1826), a Philadelphia editor and publisher. Parmele, according to census records, lived in Philadelphia by at least 1820, may have sold copies there.

Only one other copy of this certificate is known to exist, suggesting that few copies were sold. This multi-state business venture did not seem to meet with success. Adding to the questions about this document, after the printed lines, “We the Presiding Officers of,” the Lodge Secretary filled in “The Mark Masters Lodge Gloria Mundi.” No Mark Lodge with the words “Gloria Mundi” in its name was recorded in the proceedings of the Grand Chapters Pennsylvania, New York and the New England states. It is possible that the inked-in words, rather outlining the name of a mark lodge, may reflect the name of a mark lodge and an abbreviated version of the motto “Sic transit gloria mundi” (Thus passed the glory of the world), often used in Freemasonry. Compounding the mystery, to date we have not been able to

identify the recipient of the certificate—William Gordon—or any of the Lodge Officers who signed this certificate.

If you would like to learn more about the certificates in the collection of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, visit the Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives Digital Collections website at <https://digitalvgw.omeka.net/>.

 Caption: Mark Master Mason Certificate Issued to William Gordon, 1820. Engraved by Amos Doolittle (1754–1832), New Haven, Connecticut. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, GL2004.1101. Photograph by David Bohl.



Coming "Rite" Up - 2019 Events

Board Game Nights

Join us for Board Game Night on **Friday, January 18; Friday, February 15; and Friday, March 15; Friday, April 19 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.



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Special Degree Nights

Mark your calendar now for three upcoming special stated meeting presentations. On **Wednesday, January 2**, after a brief stated meeting, we will view the 26th Degree. On **Wednesday, February 6**, we will view the 27th Degree, and on **Wednesday, March 6**, we will have a Table Lodge. The Double Eagle Café will be open for dinner beginning at 5:30 pm before the January and February meetings. These meetings and degrees are for members only. Bring your passports for authentication.



Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

Our Murder Mystery Dinner Theater is happening again on **Saturday, May 11**, 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.

Feeling lucky? You came to the right place – the Pocono Royale Casino, the first gambling casino in the Poconos! Owner Rick lost his first casino in a nasty divorce settlement, but he's back in the action again with a brand new joint. Now the money's rolling in and so are the senior citizens. So what if they gamble away their Social Security checks? It's a free country, right?



That depends on who you talk to. The Native Americans thought it was a free country before the white men came and took it all away. Now Chief Wooden Nickel and Princess Wanna Wampum are back to reclaim what's rightfully theirs. When Lola, Rick's gold-digging ex-wife appears, it's obvious she has more on her mind than a family reunion.

Saturday, April 13 Convocation

honoring *Illustrious James H Acton, 33°*, and *Illustrious Dwight A Boyd, 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
 8° Intendant of the Building

Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix Degree
 18° Knight of the Rose Croix

Indiana Consistory Degrees
 20° Master Ad Vitam

The 32nd Degree will be conferred in an all-state degree next November.

Volunteer to help the Make-up and Chorus departments!

Luckily, Rick has a sharp lawyer who's taking care of business — but whose business? And what's with those elderly Portabella sisters? They're supposed to be playing the slot machines, but they're watching male strippers and sticking their noses into everyone's business.

Tonight you'll also meet a Choc Chaser on a losing streak and Rick's daughter, Candy, who wants to be a showgirl but has two left feet.

Will the Native Americans take over the casino? Will the Choc Chaser win back his farm? Will the Portabella sisters find their missing g-string? Will Candy ever learn to dance? Will the lawyer decide how to play his cards? Will Lola and Rick get back together for richer or poorer? And will Rick ever be cured of his Bogart complex?

Stick around and keep your eyes and ears open. Because at the end of the night, someone will cash in his or her chips for the last time — and it's up to you to solve the murder!

"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 \$50 per person — call the office for reservations @ 317-262-3100.



Holiday Concert



On **Sunday, March 3**, at 3 pm, the Scottish Rite Orchestra, Chorus, and Organist will present a concert for your holiday entertainment. Tickets are FREE for all members and their guests. No food service prior to this event.

Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis

Activity Schedule

January through July 2019

- Wed Jan 2 - **Stated Meeting & Degree** - 7 pm
Double Eagle Café open 5:30-7 pm
- Sat Jan 12 - **Grand Lodge Founders Day** - 9 am
- Fri Jan 25 - **Burn's Night** - 6:30 pm
Scottish music and poetry of Robt Burns with a fine Scottish meal. Tickets \$50
- Fri Feb 1 - **Purdue Glee Club** - 7:30 pm
Double Eagle Café 5-7 pm - Tickets \$12
- Wed Feb 6 - **Stated Meeting & Degree** - 7 pm
Double Eagle Café open 5:30-7 pm
- Sat Feb 9 - **Sweetheart Dinner & Dance** - 6 pm
Buffet/entertainment - Ballroom - Tickets \$50
- Sun Mar 3 - **Orchestra/Chorus Concert** - 3 pm
FREE to members and their guests
- Wed Mar 6 - **Stated Mtg & Table Lodge** - 6:30 pm
Table Lodge requires reservations by Feb 18.
- Sat Mar 16 - **Spring Play** - 4 pm & 7:30 pm
Tickets \$50 includes dinner at 5 pm.
Play only is \$10.
- Wed Apr 3 - **Stated Meeting** - 7 pm
- Sat Apr 13 - **Convocation & Reunion**
Five Scottish Rite Degrees conferred with concurrent ladies' program
- Sun Apr 14 - **Easter Cathedral Hour** - 3 pm
Dramatic presentation and message

Call 262-3100 in Indpls or 1-800-489-3579
for more information and reservations.
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Double Eagle Cafe open 5:30 - 7 pm

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



Sat May 11 - **Murder Mystery Dinner** - 6:30 pm
Tickets are \$50

Sat May 25 - **500 Festival Parade** - 11 am
Reserved parking, seating, and box lunch - \$45. Limit of 12 tickets per member. Reserve Early.



Wed Jun 5 - **Stated Meeting & Degree** - 7 pm
Followed by conferral of the 7th Degree
Café open for Dinner 5:30 - 7 pm

Thur Jul 4 - **Fireworks Party** - 6:30 pm
Free parking and food service in Grand Hall and then downtown fireworks.
\$20 tickets, Kids - \$5.

Wed Sep 4 - **Stated Meeting & Degree** - 7 pm
Followed by conferral of the 19th Degree
Café open for Dinner 5:30 - 7 pm

Fri Sep 6 - **72nd Annual Bean Supper** - 7 pm
Our annual call for petitions and great beans & fellowship - FREE members only.



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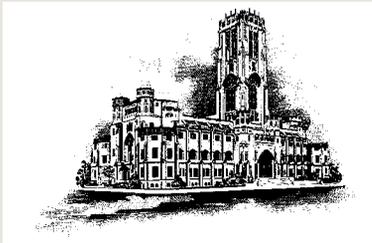
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To the Officers and Members of The Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis:

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: _____

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"Valley Visa"

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

Campaign for the Cathedral

Our Lady Prepares to Celebrate 90 Years

On May 19, 1915, 3500 members of the Valley of Indianapolis met at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. They celebrated the 50th anniversary of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Indiana at



Steven J Sonafrank
Director of Development

the Golden Jubilee Banquet. At that meeting, a resolution was approved—legend says it was approved without dissent—to “proceed with all convenient speed to erect in this capital city a great Scottish Rite Cathedral and dedicate it to liberty and love, to health and happiness, and to peace and prosperity.”

Ground was broken May 3, 1927. The cornerstone was laid November 29, 1927, with the proper ceremony performed by

Officers of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. In September 1929, the

doors opened to architect George Schreiber’s masterpiece: The Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral. Since then, your Scottish Rite home has become a landmark. It is one of the most recognizable and historic symbols of the Indianapolis skyline.

2019 marks the 90th year of the Cathedral’s service to members and friends of the Valley of Indianapolis. To celebrate and commemorate this important milestone in the history of the Cathedral and the Valley of Indianapolis, the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation announces the “90 Years in 2019” program, or simply “90-19.”

Soon you will receive in the mail a specially made lapel pin commemorating the Cathedral’s 90th anniversary. Upon receipt of the pin, you will have the opportunity to contribute \$90, one dollar for every year of the Cathedral’s existence. You may also add as many zeros to that \$90 as you wish before placing the decimal point! Of course, any amount will be accepted. Proceeds from the 90-19 program will benefit the continual maintenance and preservation of the cherished home of the Valley of Indianapolis. 90-19 pins will only be available during 2019. When yours arrives, please contribute as liberally as you can, then show your pride in Scottish Rite membership by wearing your very own 90-19 pin at every opportunity!

February 2019 Florida Visit

Most Wise Master Steven Sonafrank Invites Indiana Scottish Rite Masons in Florida to join him for Fellowship and Lunch

Monday, February 25, 2019 - 11:15 am

Sarasota

Sommers Dutch Family Restaurant

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 - 11:15 am

Bonita Springs

DeRomo’s Gourmet Market

Once again, the Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation is looking forward to visiting members living or “snowbirding” in Florida.

We will be sharing an update of activities happening back home in Indianapolis at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Complimentary to any Indianapolis Scottish Rite Mason and guest. Space is limited so make reservations early.

Reservation Contact:

Steve Sonafrank 317-262-3123
steve@asr-indy.org



More information and registration
steve@asr-indy.org



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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 May 1, through October 31, 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.

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My DeMolay Lessons Are Imbedded in My Character

by Mathew Bryant, Junior Warden

As Masons, Scottish Rite or not, we are to challenge ourselves to become more enlightened. Light symbolically and metaphorically can represent many different things including but not limited to things such as general knowledge, Masonic knowledge, worldly understanding, wisdom, truth, or even actions. My first recollection of light being used metaphorically in a broader sense than something producing luminescence came in the late 1970s when I was a member of Marvin E Kniesley Chapter, Order of DeMolay, in Ohio.

The DeMolay ritual was written by Frank A Marshall who was a very active Mason and received most if not all of the official honors in both the York and Scottish Rite bodies of Freemasonry. The Order and ritual both will be celebrating 100 years of life in 2019. I am certain that no less than a million youth as DeMolays in total have been exposed to this marvelously written ritual that consists of the Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees. For those who have not been to a DeMolay Chapter meeting, there is an opening and a closing ritual used for stated meetings, much like Blue Lodge.

Back to my enlightenment on the use of light metaphorically, Frank Marshall in the opening ceremony of the Initiatory Degree when the seven candles are lit, symbolic of the seven cardinal virtues of a DeMolay, used this as the final sentence: "As the light from these candles permeates this Chapter room, let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." I memorized

the line and throughout life been able to recall it verbatim along with its predecessor words regarding the seven precepts or cardinal virtues of a DeMolay. My perspective has always been that in this passage context, light metaphorically meant faith. Referring back to that part of the ritual has been a common practice in my life, most especially when times have been tough. The passage always reminds me not to lose site of the fact that not only is God glorified by good works but others are watching how and what we do.

It was not until decades after learning that line while serving as an elder in a Presbyterian church and doing biblical study that I was exposed to Matthew 5:16 in the Bible. I have also come across this same passage in other Masonic ritual including the Scottish Rite 18th Degree.

Recently one of our Brothers, Wayne Sheets, was called by the Grand Architect. Wayne was one of my Masonic mentors (it took several for me). He also supported me many times during my year as Master of Frank S Land 758 (the founder of the Order of DeMolay) by filling in during degree work, often on very short notice. For Wayne's Celebration of Life, his wife Ginny chose Matthew 5:13-16. Wayne was one of those whom I watched. His "light" was bright and his "good works" were very visible.

Distinguished Brethren Who Served Our Valley



Illustrious 33rds

Joseph H Clark - 9/5/2018
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Children's Dyslexia Center Chosen as State Center for Teacher Training

by Jim Keating, Chair of Board of Governors

The Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis, a Scottish Rite charity, has been selected as one of the very few teacher training sites for the state of Indiana. This tremendous honor was earned through a competitive bidding process.

Last spring, the Indiana state legislature passed a bill that required testing, identifying, and remediating students who suffer from dyslexia. Dyslexia is a reading difficulty that afflicts about 20 percent of all people in the United States today. For many children it is a truly debilitating condition that prevents young people from reading effectively — and many, not at all. Failure in school is a very common outcome for students who are not treated. Moreover, students are frequently ridiculed and teased mercilessly because they cannot read at a level equivalent to their peers. One young lady commented that school mates called her “stupid” and she feared they were right!

However, students with dyslexia are not stupid. The problem is not an inability to learn rather it is a problem with the way the human brain understands how to read. For example, the word “rate” can be mis-read in a number of different ways. It could be read as: ate, tare, eat, rat, at, era, or several other combinations of letters that make no sense at all. Sometimes students even see letters upside down. What is needed is to find a way for students to learn to see the letters in a word in the correct order so the word makes sense.

At the Scottish Rite's Children's Dyslexia Center, we use the Orton-Gillingham method for training students. This is a multi-sensory method of helping students see letters in the way they were intended when written. This means we use various tactile methods to help students understand the number of syllables in a word and the correct order and pronunciation of



Board members Jim Keating, Carl Culmann, 33°, and Cheryl Clemons celebrate the passage of a bill designed to require state schools to identify and work with dyslexic students. Center Director Julie Bohannon worked with Brother and State Representative Woody Burton, 33°, on the bill that was eventually signed into law by Governor Eric Holcomb.

the letters. Sometimes students “draw” the letters with their fingers in sand or on carpet squares. This helps them both see and feel the shapes of the letters and to understand the ways they combine to form syllables and words. This system for teaching is remarkably successful and study after study has shown how well it works to help students overcome this reading difficulty.

This past spring, the Indiana state legislature took up legislation that would require schools in Indiana to look for reading problems related to dyslexia. Up until now, schools did not systematically attempt to identify or remediate children suffering from this problem. Brother Woody Burton, 33°, a member of the Indiana House of Representatives, worked with others in both parties to help pass a bill to address the problem. Woody is a member of our Board of Governors. Cheryl Clemmons, also a member of our Board, was instrumental in helping the lawmakers craft the legislation.

It was passed and signed into law by Governor Eric Holcomb in April of this year. Several of our Board members were present for the signing ceremony. It is remarkable that there was such strong bipartisan support for the bill and an indication of how greatly we needed such a law.

Passing the law was, however, only the beginning. The Indiana Department of Education then began to identify dyslexia organizations that could be selected as trainers for Indiana classroom teachers. The law states that every school district must have at least one certified person to oversee dyslexia programs and it is recommended that each school have teachers trained to identify, assist, and refer students to dyslexia programs. This means that someone has to train those teachers.

The Children’s Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis applied to be one of those training sites. This only makes sense since we teach the “gold standard” for dyslexia training and remediation. Our program has qualified instructors, a proven track record in terms of training tutors, and success with the students themselves. After completing the documentation and waiting for the results, we were informed that our program was selected.

This is a tremendous honor and naturally we are proud of our Director Julie Bohannon and Administrative Assistant Jan Good, who worked hard on the application. We are especially proud of the tutors and tutor-trainees who work so diligently to help students succeed and thankful to the Masonic fraternity for its ongoing and vital support for our efforts. This is a time for celebration. To learn more about the Center, please visit our website: <http://www.cdcoi.org/>



**CHILDREN'S
DYSLEXIA CENTER
OF INDIANAPOLIS**

Waving the Children's Dyslexia Flag Around the State

by Jim Keating, Chairperson of the Board

Our Children’s Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis was a part of the North Salem Old Fashioned Days parade over the Labor Day weekend. The Center tries to maintain an active presence in the state by participating in various cultural events such as this parade. Our float, pulled by a beautiful historic tractor, helped show the community what we — as Scottish Rite Masons — do to support the community.



Our Director Julie Bohannon encouraged some of our students and their families to participate and her husband, Frank Bohannon, a Scottish Rite Brother, was one of the organizers of the event. Their son, Nick, a graduate of our program, helped to prepare the tractor and float and was a driver in the parade.

We are proud of the work of our Center and are happy to be able to show citizens all over the state what a valuable and vibrant program is run from our Scottish Rite Cathedral. We have a wonderful story to tell and are happy we can do so by participating in events such as this one in North Salem.

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Losing an Icon

Illustrious Michael R St Pierre, 33° passed away peacefully with his family on December 6, 2018 at the age of 71.

He was an Eagle Scout, which he earned in 1964 and the one award he held closest to his heart. Scouting was very dear to him his entire life, and he displayed it in every part of it. As a youth, he was the 1964 Firecrafter Chief and member of the Order of the Arrow. As an adult scouter, he was presented the prestigious honor of the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award, Silver Antelope Award, and numerous other honors. His leadership included serving many committees, but most especially as President and Executive Board Member of the Area Central Region, Council Commissioner, Past District Chairman, Past Cubmaster, and Past Firecrafter Council Committee Chairman. He was a member of Troop 266, and he attended every National Scout Jamboree from 1989-2013. At these Jamborees, he was a cook which were some of the best times of his life.

Michael retired as Chairman of the Board of Wilson St Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory in 2016. Mike was proud to be a fifth generation Funeral Director, starting at a young age and worked alongside his father, brother, son, and daughter over his career. He was very proud to have helped enable many young Funeral Directors to grow, and some to own their businesses throughout the State of Indiana over his career. He was the only living person to be President of five national associations in his profession.

Michael served as President and Chairman on many Boards of Directors in his community and the state. He also served as Treasurer

of the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation, was an Elder of the Greenwood Presbyterian Church, and Past President of the Greenwood Rotary Club.

Michael was proud to be a member and past Worshipful Master of Mystic Tie 398 and Past Potentate of the Murat Shrine in 1999. At

Murat, he was a part of the Dramatic Cast, 500 Club, Press Corps, Arab Patrol, Chanters, Mini-Mystics, the Johnson Count Shrine Club and honorary member of Shrine Clubs across the world.



He was Past Commander-In-Chief of the Indiana Consistory of the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite; Deputy Representative to the Valley 2002-2018; and was named a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33

°, and member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in 1995; Past President of the Thirty-Third Association; and member of the Greenwood York Rite bodies; Indiana College Masonic Societas Rosicruciana; and Emeritus Member, Red Cross of Constantine.

He was cited as a Doctor of Humane Letters, Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science; honorable Order of the Kentucky Colonels; and created a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1999 by Governor Frank O'Bannon.

The fraternity honored Mike with a celebration of life held at the Indianapolis Valley on December 12. Mike leaves behind Betty, his wife of nearly 51 years, his children, Paul and Michelle, three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.