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**RICK PURCELL:
A CAREER OF SERVICE**

From the Northeast Corner

My Favorite Time of the Year

Fall has arrived with the beautiful colors we see here in Indiana. Nature is painting a portrait of beauty for us that is better than a T C Steel painting. We need to reflect as Scottish Rite Masons what make us different from other Masonic organizations.



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 Freemasons will want to join our unique fellowship.

See you at the Rite!

Rodney A Mann
Executive Director



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Membership Organization



Bill Ludlow

The heart and soul of our Indianapolis Valley membership team is Our Scottish Rite Brothers. Our charge is to support our Brethren. We can do this by recruiting new Masons and new Scottish Rite Freemasons to share in our Scottish Rite experience.

Our Indianapolis Valley has been 'Dark' during July and August. History suggests that going

dark in July and August was a result of Lodge Rooms being unbearably hot in those summer months, which made the meetings difficult. It is also a time to rest and regroup for our September membership activities which will carry on throughout our year.

All of our Masonic appendant bodies depend on Master Masons. When the number of Master Masons grows, our Valley Membership will grow as well.



As a Lodge Ambassador (and we are all Lodge Ambassadors), we need to be looking for new Masons for our Lodges. We can do this by talking to the members of our Lodges and encourage the membership to be looking for good men to become Masons. We can provide leadership by being active in recruiting good men to become Masons. We can keep our Lodges updated on our Scottish Rite Activities and let them know there is a place for them in our Valley. We can share our Upcoming Events with prospective members and see if there is an interest in one or more of our activities.

Let us all continue to be good Men, Masons, and Scottish Rite Freemason and do our part in helping our Valley Grow!

February 2020 Florida Visit



Rodney Mann, 33° & PGM Invites
Indiana Scottish Rite Masons in
Florida to join him for
Fellowship and Lunch

Monday, February 24, 2020 - 11:15 am
Sarasota

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 - 11:15 am
Bonita Springs

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:

Donna Cofer 317-262-3104
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More information and registration
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Cover Story

New Sign on Rick Purcell's Door: "Gone Fishin'"

by Jeffrey K Saunders, 33°

After nearly 19 years of service to the Valley of Indianapolis, Ill Richard D Purcell, 33°, has announced his retirement. Rick has had a long career in Freemasonry and his tenure with the Scottish Rite is marked by a legacy of commitment to the members, officers, and leadership of the Valley.

Rick spent much of his day-to-day activities interacting with our members at various levels including time in raising funds for our Cathedral, leading our membership development efforts, and administering our member records. He has had contact in some fashion with virtually every member over his long years of service and has always demonstrated an attitude of brotherly care and concern for our members balanced with what is best for the interests of the Valley.



from members as he navigated changes in Valley direction from the implementation of one-day classes, traveling degrees, stated meeting degree presentations, and degrees in video format. He was on the front lines for membership retention and the impact of dues increases and changes in membership policies as well as working through numerous changes in our database and methods of record keeping. Rick was also a resource for many groups in creating and administering multi-media presentations. Through it all, our faithful brother promoted the value of Scottish Rite membership and worked to retain Indianapolis Valley's pre-eminent position in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Rick became a member of the Valley in the Spring Class of 1986 and through the years has been active in degree work and committees and was crowned a 33rd degree in 1999 in Atlantic City.

Prior to joining the Valley staff, he spent several years as Assistant Grand Lecturer and Grand Lecturer for the Grand Lodge of Indiana, working alongside his father, Ill Keith Purcell, 33°. He met many Lodge officers during that time, which was of great value in relating to our members as a leader in the Valley.

We thank Rick for his loyal and dedicated service to the Scottish Rite and wish him many more years of enjoying time with Colleen and family. Well done good and faithful servant.

Our Illustrious brother began his tenure of the staff of the Valley in January 2001 as the Director of Field Services for the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation. In this capacity he traveled to visit our members and became the "eyes and ears" of the Valley as he acquainted the members with the activities of the Valley and the need to maintain our majestic Cathedral. After 4-1/2 years in this position, he transitioned to the newly created Director of Membership Services. There he was able to continue his daily contact with our members and supported the Membership Development Committee in its efforts to recruit and retain members. He also served as head of that committee from 2007-10.

Rick's attitude was always one of doing whatever was necessary to accomplish the goals of the Valley and he never shied away from an assigned task and performed it with a positive attitude. He heard his share of concerns



1750 Masonic Ritual “Exposure”

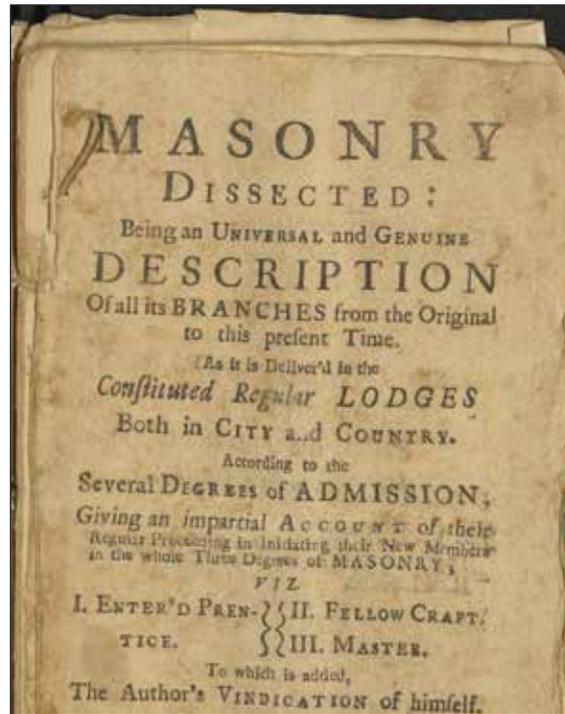
by Jeffrey Croteau, Director of Library & Archives,
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Lexington, MA

Through a recent gift, the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library acquired the very rare book pictured here, Samuel Prichard’s *Masonry Dissected*. It is one of only three copies of the 1750 edition of a famous Masonic ritual exposure that are known to exist. Generously donated by Carolyn Keith Silvia, the granddaughter of Roger Keith (1888–1968), Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from 1948–1950, this 32-page pamphlet is a 1750 reprint of a Masonic ritual exposure originally printed in London in 1730. London publishers reprinted the book several times between 1730 and 1750, but this is the first American edition of the book. The book, collected by Past Grand Master Keith many years ago, is an exciting addition to the Library & Archives collection.

Along with the text from earlier London editions, this book also contains references to a sermon by Charles Brockwell (1691–1755), who served as Worshipful Master of two Boston lodges – Master’s Lodge and First Lodge. His sermon was not published until January 1, 1750. The title page does not say where or by whom the book was printed, noting only that it was done in 1749. Bibliographer Kent Walgren explains the discrepancy between the publication date and the quotation from the 1750 Brockwell sermon by noting that, “prior to 1752 the legal year began on Annunciation Day, March 25. [The book was therefore] probably printed between 1 Jan. and 25 Mar. 1749/50.”

Walgren makes a case for this book having been printed at Newport, Rhode Island, by Ann Smith Franklin (1696–1763), Benjamin Franklin’s sister-in-law, and a printer in her own right. Walgren suggests that Franklin issued the book to exploit the public’s interest in Joseph Green’s *Entertainment for a Winter’s Evening*, an anti-Masonic satire of Charles Brockwell’s *Brotherly Love Recommended in a Sermon Preached before the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in Christ-Church, Boston, on Wednesday the 27th of December, 1749*. Both were published in 1750. Another explanation is perhaps even more compelling.

Although printed as a ritual exposure, *Masonry Dissected* was likely intended as an aide-mémoire for Freemasons, not as an anti-Masonic publication. J A M Snoek, in “Ritual Books versus Exposures,” the introduction to *British Freemasonry, 1717–1813, Volume 2: Rituals I – English, Irish and Scottish Craft Rituals*, makes the point that early exposures, starting with Samuel Prichard’s 1730 London publication of *Masonry Dissected*, “are in fact ‘pseudo-exposures,’ written by Freemasons for Freemasons as ritual books from which one could learn the ritual for practising it in the lodge...” He further explains that few of the so-called exposures actually say anything negative about Freemasonry. He suggests that, “in order to ‘play the game’ that the interdiction [prohibition] in the oath was still honoured, these publications were presented as ‘exposures,’ published by shameless persons, who had been members, but had left, and now betrayed, the Order. These claims have long been believed, but in fact the number of real exposures is extremely limited.” Harry Carr makes a similar observation in *Samuel Prichard’s Masonry*



Dissected 1730: An Analysis and Commentary, observing that Prichard’s work appears to have been used as printed ritual. He notes that, after its first appearance in 1730, “there were at least nineteen further editions [of *Masonry Dissected*] up to 1760,” and that “indeed, there are simply no records of new developments in English ritual during the thirty-year gap, from 1730 to 1760 and throughout that period Prichard’s work held the field.” Kent Walgren also suggests that this 1750 ritual “exposure” may have been printed for the use of the members of Newport’s first Masonic lodge, St John’s Lodge, chartered by the Provincial Grand Lodge in Boston on December 24, 1749. Further research may shed light on who produced and used this book. In the meantime, Ms Silvia’s gift to the library has found a suitable and highly appreciative home.

Do you have a rare book that you’d like to donate? We’d love to hear from you! Send us an e-mail at library@srmml.org.

Caption: Samuel Prichard, Masonry Dissected, 1749 [i.e. 1750], possibly Newport, Rhode Island, possibly printed by Ann Smith Franklin, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Gift of Carolyn Keith Silvia, RARE 19.5.P947



Devotion to Country

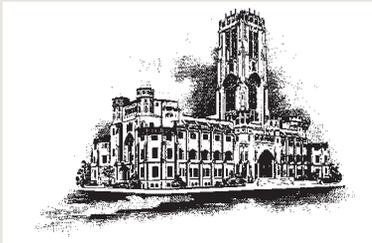
is a core value that guides the lives of
32° Scottish Rite Freemasons.

As a veteran, you have taken that core value to heart
in a manner few men can understand.



Veteran Scottish Rite Brethren are eligible to receive
the Sammy Lee Davis Peace and Freedom Award
from the Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
that will be presented in celebration
of Veterans Day this November.

Register at ScottishRiteNMJ.org/member-center
and click on Account Information
to update your military service.



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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.



“Safety Last” Wows Appreciative Audience -- Rankin’s Organ Superb

Friday, September 13 was a lucky day for the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral. On that evening, the classic 1923 silent comedy “Safety Last” starring the great comedian and brother Harold Lloyd was presented in the auditorium to an enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

Making his third appearance at the console of the Cathedral’s massive E M Skinner pipe organ, Donnie Rankin proved once again that he is a brilliant accompanist. His expertise makes the audience forget that a silent movie is indeed silent. His skill set the mood for every second of the program. Rankin previously accompanied “The Phantom of the Opera” and “Steamboat Bill, Jr.” at the Scottish Rite. Once again, Rankin demonstrated the vast capabilities of the Skinner organ, reminding us that the instrument is a treasure of the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Suzanne Lloyd, granddaughter Harold Lloyd, was the special guest of the evening. Ms. Lloyd discussed the life and times of her legendary grandfather in narrating home movies of

Brother Lloyd at his palatial California estate Greenacres, as Shrine Imperial Potentate, and visiting children at Shriner’s Hospitals. “Suzanne Lloyd’s sharing the life of her grandfather outside of his career as a movie star gave insight to his comedic genius in ‘Safety Last’ and made the movie even more entertaining,” said Eric Vermeulen, Senior Warden of the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix.

Following the program, both Donnie Rankin and Suzanne Lloyd greeted audience members in the second floor lobby to chat and answer questions from audience members. Many remarked that this event was the best one they had seen so far and they are looking forward to future presentations.



He Stopped Loving Her Today

by *Eric J Vermeulen, Senior Warden
Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix*

Having had the chance recently to see parts of documentary filmmaker Ken Burns' latest work, "Country Music," on PBS, I noted an example that we, as Scottish Rite Masons, might embrace.



Near the end of Part Seven of the series, Burns shines a spotlight on the resurgence of country music giant George Jones in 1980 as he sings his signature torch song "He Stopped Loving Her Today," which is frequently touted as the quintessential country song.

The song tells the story of a man who, over the years, has stubbornly maintained his love for a woman who left him in the distant past. As the title implies, though, there finally comes a point when the man ends his hopeless adoration, and we begin to believe that the moral of the story will be that it is better to move on when our devotion is not reciprocated, lest our energies be wasted. After all, surely nothing – and no one – merits such fervent fealty, and only a fool would cling futilely rather than let go.

Life's too short, so to speak. It all makes sense and reaffirms our understanding of love, fidelity, and practicality in the often recyclable world we live in today.

However, midway through the song we are let in on the truth of the matter: that the precipitating event for the man's change of heart is the occasion of his death. As the song goes at that point:

*"He stopped loving her today
They placed a wreath upon his door
And soon they'll carry him away
He stopped loving her today"*

After listening to this profound emotional curve ball pass us by, we are left to wonder what qualities the man saw in the woman that caused him to maintain his relentless passion to the end. Could it be that he had recognized a greatness in her that he knew he would never encounter again? Is it just possible that his dedication was warranted, and that it was not at all irrational to stay steadfast? Did his singularity of purpose actually serve him well in the long run?

Most of us have had moments in fraternal life when it seemed as if the fraternity didn't love us back the way we loved it. Perhaps at some point we have felt as though our peers didn't recognize us for our contributions to the cause, or maybe we have even experienced rejection or rebuke of one form or another. At such times, it is tempting to take a step back from our devotion to the Tenets of Freemasonry or to the Core Values of the Scottish Rite.

However, at times such as these, it is all the more important to recognize that these setbacks are temporary, while the guiding principles of our fraternity are timeless. We may not always be happy with a particular decision, or a current trend, or a program or event, but we should always remember what it is about Freemasonry – especially Scottish Rite Freemasonry – that we came to love in the beginning. That love, based on the virtues we have pledged to live by, is one that can and should stand the test of time, even when all the signs say otherwise. The value of adhering to these standards over time will surely be a reward unto itself.

May we all strive to maintain our devotion to Scottish Rite Freemasonry until they place wreaths upon our doors and carry us away.





Ill Don Reynolds, 33°, received an Honorable Mention in this year's State Fair Photography Theme, "Hero's in the Heartland." This image was taken at the burial of Staff Sargent Jonathan M Metzger on January 20, 2012, at The Gardens at Olive Branch Cemetery. Sgt Metzger was killed in action January 6, 2012, during Operation Enduring Freedom when his vehicle struck an explosive device in Kandahar province, Afghanistan.

The original image was color; however, all of the conflicting colors in mourners coats and hats were very distracting to the solemnity of the moment, so Don chose to convert the image to black and white while retaining the colors in the American Flags that was needed to capture both the solemnity of the occasion and Sgt Metzger's ultimate expression of sacrifice for his country. Brother Don enters the State Fair competition annually.

November 15, 16 Convocation

*honoring Illustrious Fred T Kortepeter, 33°, Illustrious Robert G Elrod, 33°,
and Illustrious William H Woodruff II, 33° Class*

Fri, Nov 15 6 pm Registration

Adoniram Lodge of Perfection Degrees
7 pm 4° Master Traveler (Video)
7:45 pm 14° Grand Elect Mason

Saraiah Council Princes of Jerusalem Degrees

10:45 am 16° Prince of Jerusalem
11:30 am Scottish Rite Presentation

Lunch

Sat, Nov 16 7 am Registration

Adoniram Lodge of Perfection Degrees
8:15 am 4° Master Traveler (Video)

Adoniram Lodge of Perfection Degree

1 pm 5° Perfect Master

Indiana Consistory Degrees

2 pm 20° Master Ad Vitum
3:15 pm Scottish Rite Presentation
3:30 pm 32° Sublime Prince Royal Secret

Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix Degree

9 am 18° Knight of the Rose Croix
10:30 am Scottish Rite Presentation

Banquet to Follow

1820 London Past Master's Jewel

*by Hilary Anderson Stelling,
Director of Collections and Exhibitions
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Lexington,
Massachusetts*

From the late 1700s through the present day, many American Masonic lodges have followed the tradition of acknowledging the contributions of a lodge master by presenting him with a personalized jewel to mark the conclusion of his term. Over time and place these jewels, called Past Master's jewels, have been made of different metals and have come in many sizes and shapes, depending on the jurisdiction, local taste and the issuing lodge's budget. Historically, the lodge commissioned an engraver to inscribe Past Master's jewels with the recipient's name, lodge, and the dates of his term.

Past Master jewels presented in America in the early 1800s often featured the Masonic symbols of a sun within compasses with a quadrant connecting the legs of the compasses. These jewels, usually made of silver, were often cut from a flat sheet of metal. Researchers have observed that this style of Past Master jewel design was likely inspired by jewels used by Scottish Freemasons in the 1700s. The jewel pictured here was executed in an entirely different style. A jeweler made it for London Freemason Robert Scholl (ca. 1781–1832) and it was presented to him in 1820.

Listed as a "gentlemen" in membership records, Scholl worked as a Navy agent, with chambers at Clement's Inn, in the early 1830s. He was initiated at the Lodge of Union 275 in 1814 and served as Master of his lodge before 1820. To thank him for his service in that role, Scholl's brethren at the Lodge of Union commissioned this gold and enamel jewel. They had Scholl's jewel inscribed on the back with a heartfelt message, noting that the elegant badge was, "...a testimony of their fraternal Regard—their Personal attachment and the Sense entertained by them of his exertions for the Benefit of the Lodge." Scholl's jewel is like a watch or locket in that the decoration on the front is protected by a glass bezel. The bezel covers elements cut from

gold in the shape of a square and compasses and a sun. A border of leaves, likely laurel, surrounds the symbols. All of the gold elements are detailed with engraving to give them depth and definition. The symbols appear to float over a background patterned by engine turning and enameled dark blue. The deep color contrasts with the bright gold symbols. Using the pin on the back, Scholl would have worn this jewel on his coat.



What extraordinary service Scholl may have undertaken for his lodge is not known, but this handsome jewel suggests how highly the brothers at the Lodge of Union valued his contributions.

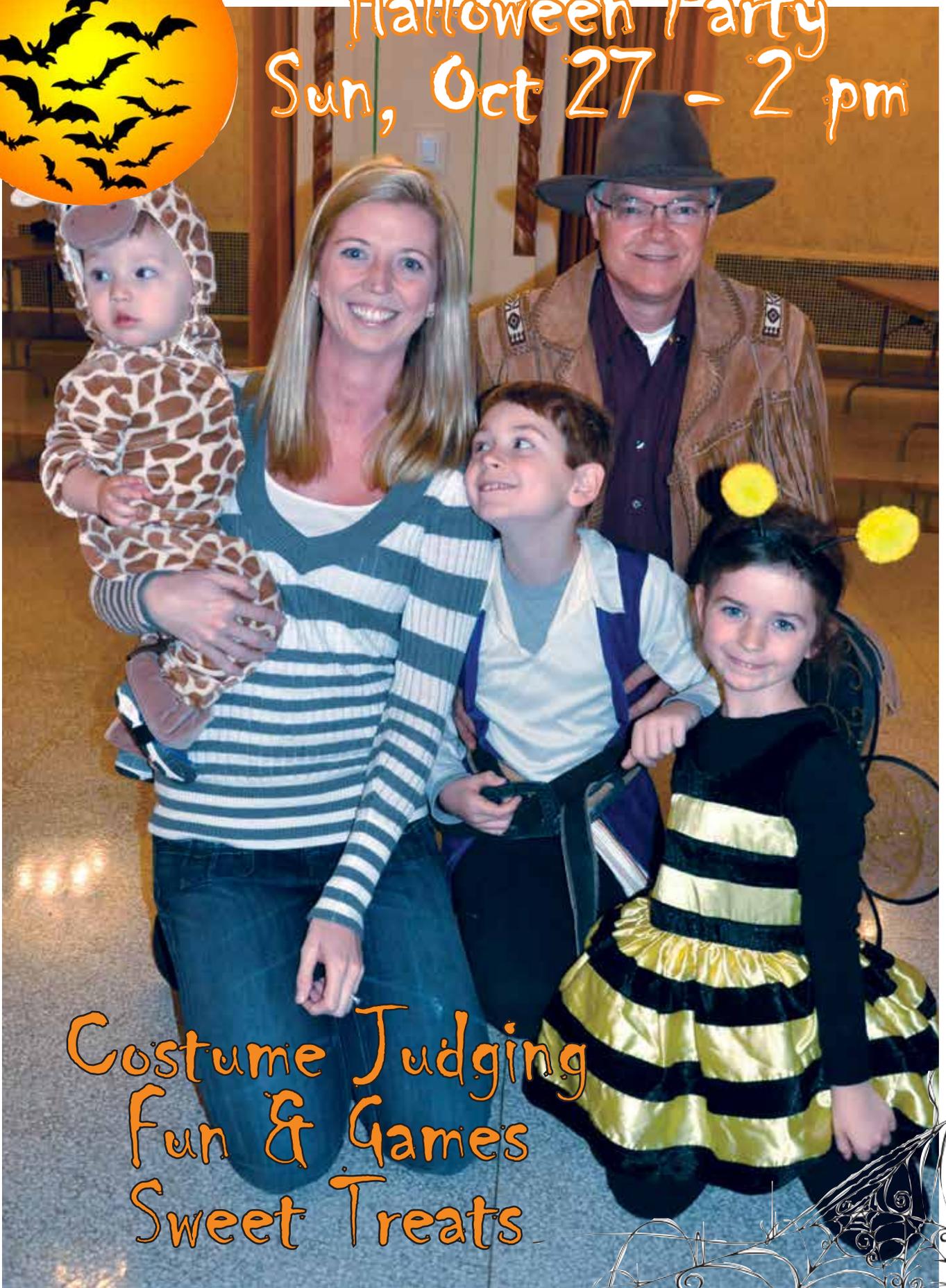
Photo Credit: Past Master's Jewel Made for Robert Scholl, 1819–1820. Probably London, England. Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Museum Purchase, 97.025.1. Photograph by David Bohl.





Halloween Party

Sun, Oct 27 - 2 pm



Costume Judging
Fun & Games
Sweet Treats



Coming "Rite" Up - 2019 Events

Board Game Nights

Join us for Board Game Night on **Friday, October 18 at 6 pm** for an evening of single or family entertainment at the Rite. Brother Bob Plant 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.



505 Club

The 505 Club meets at ... 5:05 pm for casual fellowship around town. Join us on Tuesday, November 12 at Shallo's Brew Haus located in Greenwood -- 8811 Hardegan St. Put this address in your Waze app and it will take you right there! Just another opportunity to see your Scottish Rite friends.



Winter Concert



On **Sunday, December 8**, 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.

Stated Meeting Fellowship

Stated Meetings are no longer boring! They are scheduled at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Many of the brethren will have dinner on your own in the Double Eagle Cafe before heading up to the meeting. Afterwards, fellowship continues in the Double Eagle Cafe with adult beverages and light snacks. Come casual and mingle. We have fun -- hope you join us.

Valley Christmas Party



Sat., Dec 14 @ 2 pm

Widow's Sons Support Dyslexia Center

by Jim Keating, Chair, Board of Governors

The Widow's Sons Motorcycle Club once again held a rally in support of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis. This rally, held in early July left from the Millersville Lodge, on Indianapolis north side, for a tour of Geist, then followed a long looping route ending at the Harley Davidson Store on the South side of Indianapolis. Unfortunately, the day was nearly washed out this year and there were fewer riders than normal. But this did not diminish their enthusiasm.

Bob Kuester, a long-time member of the Board of Governors and a strong supporter of the Center, provided leadership organizing the event along with Ron Featherston and the club membership. Bob has organized the event for years and his strong support for our work helps us raise funds to support the work of the tutors with the children.



Dyslexia is a problem for a large number of people. Up to 20% of the entire American population suffers from dyslexia, but it is not always accompanied by painful or otherwise obvious symptoms. For that reason, recognition is often delayed. For children it is an especially difficult thing when the diagnosis of dyslexia comes too late, as it too often does. Delayed diagnosis and treatment make it difficult for students to overcome the problem. The result of this is that young people fail in school simply because they do not have the reading skills needed for success.

There is a growing awareness of dyslexia and we can be proud that the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite has, for years, taken the lead in providing services to children in our communities. Our center, here at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis has been working with students since 1997. We are justifiably proud of the program, our director, and tutors. And we are so very grateful for the support of Scottish Rite Masons,

without whom this program would not be possible.

What about the Indianapolis Center? We are one of 46 Centers in the Northern Jurisdiction. The range in size from those that are very large to some that are quite small. Geographically they stretch from Eau Claire, Wisconsin in the West all across the jurisdiction to the East coast, where there are Centers in several states stretching from Maine south to Philadelphia. The Children's Dyslexia Centers are open to all children suffering from this condition and without regard for their race, religion, school district, or Masonic affiliation. And most important of all, the service is provided without charge to the children or their families. Doubtlessly, this is an activity that exemplifies the best of Masonic Service.

Here in Indianapolis, we are grateful to groups, such as the Widow's Sons who help us through their activities. And although we cannot all hop onto a Harley and join the group as they ride through the beautiful countryside, we can all be grateful for their continued dedication to the children.



Children's Dyslexia Center By The Numbers

As you know, the Children's Dyslexia Center is a Scottish Rite charitable organization serving Central Indiana. We serve children with reading problems who have been identified as suffering from dyslexia. This is a reading difficulty that makes it hard for students to succeed in school. This is program that serves the community without regard for race, religion, school district. We believe this is a truly Masonic service to the local community. Here is some interesting data (numbers) about our Center.

ZERO

This is the amount charged to families whose students attend the center. That is--there is no charge. In the private sector, parents who hire certified tutors to work with their children pay between \$70 and \$100 per hour (normally 2 hours per week) in the local market. In keeping with the idea of service, we do not charge families for the work we do.



We are the one and only Children's Dyslexia Center in the state of Indiana. The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction operates 46 centers in states from Maine to Wisconsin, but we are the only one here.

This is the total number of students who have been enrolled in our program since it began in 1999. Many of them went forward to graduate from high school, enroll in, and graduate from post-secondary programs and from colleges. This would never have happened without our work helping them overcome dyslexia because students who cannot read struggle for any success at all.



Students enrolled in the program for Fall, 2019. There is also a waiting list for students who are fully qualified to attend.



We cannot accept every single student who is qualified, unfortunately. Due to the one-on-one training we offer, we can only provide service to the number of students our tutors can accommodate. When we can increase the number of tutors, we can increase the number of students enrolled in the program. Students attend sessions two days per week here at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.



The number of tutors working with students at present. These are highly motivated professionals who come to us with a college degree (it can be in any field) and who undergo extensive training to become certified to work with dyslexia interventions. Tutor positions at the Children's Dyslexia Center are fully paid, in keeping with the fact that these tutors are thoroughly trained professionals. We also have a Director, Administrative Assistant, and five trainees working in the Center. We want to do what we can and are eager to work with new trainees; therefore, if you know someone who might be interested in this valuable work, please ask them to contact our director, Julie Bohannon. Her contact information is: directorcdcoi@gmail.com and (317)262-3115.

The number of adults who completed training and were certified since the opening of the Center. These tutors, having been certified, can work in the community and many of them work in the public schools. Therefore, our training program for adults has an impact in the community beyond that which is evident in our own center.



What can YOU do? Of course, we are justifiably proud of the work we do here at the Scottish Rite in the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis. We operate the ONLY Scottish Rite center in the state of Indiana.

Naturally, we appreciate your support in all our activities. Your financial support is tremendously valuable to us, as you can imagine. We could not do what we do without the support of Scottish Rite Masons who leave a legacy of service to the community by way of supporting our program. Thank you so much!

If you have questions about the Children's Dyslexia Center you are welcome to ask. We are very happy to help everyone understand our work. Our website will direct you to ways you can find answers about our accreditation and also to ask specific questions. We thank all who help us support our efforts.

Please have a look at our website: <http://www.cdcoi.org/>

New CDC Fundraiser: Purse Bingo:

For many years the Children’s Dyslexia Center sponsored a “Ladies Tea” as its major fund raiser for the year. Over the years this event brought together ladies and their guests who enjoyed a wonderful luncheon, fashion show, and silent auction. The event was always a highlight of the spring session.

However, at the end of 2018, the organizing committee decided to retire the tea and the Center began to develop a new fund raising idea. Now, with the direction and enthusiastic leadership of Board of Governors members Shelley Munson, Bev Elrod, Cheryl Clemens, and Dana Smith, a new committee has been formed and it is excited to announce a new fund raiser for the Center.

On October 4, 2019, the Center will sponsor a “Purse Bingo” event at the Shrine here in Indianapolis!

Purse auctions have been a popular form of enjoyment for women the last few years and the popularity of these events has spread from coast to coast. The idea is that ladies gather for a light dinner and social time before enjoying an evening of Bingo. The prizes for the games are highly desired designer purses.

Additionally, the event for the Dyslexia Center will also include raffles of gift baskets, a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, and the presence of vendors who will make the evening a lively and memorable event for all who attend.

For the men of the Scottish Rite, there are other opportunities as well. Part of the fund raising event is to have games “sponsored” by businesses. This enables businesses, large and small, to participate in the event by presenting their names and advertising materials at the event.

The Center is looking forward to the Purse Bingo. It has been a highly effective way to raise funds locally and several

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churches, libraries, and others have already successfully held such events.

The Board of Governors works hard to raise funds to operate and improve our wonderful Children’s Dyslexia Center here at the beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral. Although it was sad to see the Ladies Tea retired after many years, it is wonderfully optimistic to think about this new fund raising activity.

Please watch for more information about the Purse Bingo and consider sporting the event, either by advertising or by encouraging ladies to attend.

Clemens Presents Dyslexia Overview to the Boards of Governors

by Jim Keating, Chair - Board of Governors

The Board of Governors of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis met March 11 for its monthly meeting. At this event there was a special presentation given by board member Cheryl Clemens. In addition to the board, a number of guests also attended and it was an opportunity for everyone to learn more about the way our Scottish Rite charity provides such important service to children all throughout our community.



Cheryl Clemens
Board of Governors

Cheryl Clemens is a member of the Indianapolis Board of Governors and a long-time advocate for children in the State of Indiana. She has worked closely with the dyslexia community and has helped found local organizations to help communities and schools work with children

who struggle with reading difficulties. She was a strong advocate for legislation, passed last year, which will give support to educators working with students who suffer with dyslexia. In that regard she worked with the Indiana Legislature but has also been an advocate in Washington D.C. urging Congress to do more as well.

In her talk, Ms. Clemens cited the fact that dyslexia has an impact on many people. Up to 20% of the entire American population suffers from dyslexia, but it is not always accompanied by painful or otherwise obvious symptoms. For children, the diagnosis of dyslexia frequently comes far too late and then it is difficult for students to overcome the problem. Sadly, the result of this is that young people fail in school simply because they do not have the reading skills needed for success.

Research shows there are misconceptions about dyslexia. For example, dyslexia is NOT any of the following:

1. a vision problem
2. a developmental disability
3. a degenerative disease
4. a lack of motivation or effort

Yet each of these misconceptions is exactly what most people associate with students who do poorly in school. Too often, when the first three issues are explored without finding a problem, then it is common for people to blame the student. Students are profoundly frustrated when they hear people say, "Try harder! You are just being lazy!" Even worse, there are times when other students taunt poor readers calling them dumb and insulting them in other ways. Imagine how hard it is for the children who hear this!

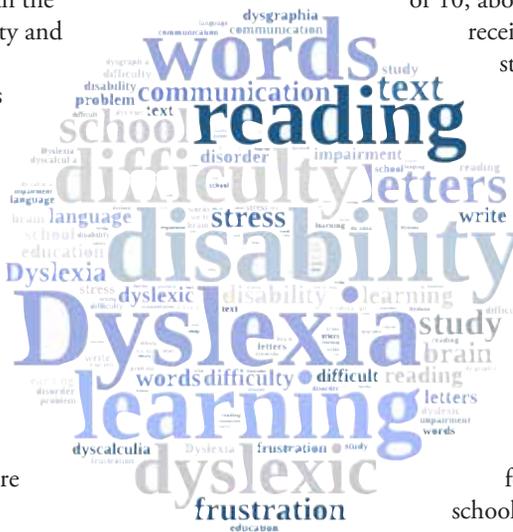
Cheryl pointed out that early intervention is critical. The data shows that about 90% of students with dyslexia will be fine, if they receive intervention and learn reading strategies by the first grade. However, only a few years later, by age 9 or 10, about 75% of students who did not receive help at the early age will be left to struggle for life. Think of that.

It is also a fact that reading problems are widespread, possibly more widespread than people think. By the fourth grade over half of all students lack proficiency reading; and this is a problem affecting private, public, parochial, and charter schools. No schools are immune! Of course, we want to help but the later we begin, the harder the task will be. It is surely obvious it is better for the child and less costly for the schools to do early intervention.

One possible explanation for poor results in reading is that we don't teach it well or even in the right ways. We cannot just assume that students who are exposed to books will automatically become skilled readers. Some might; many others cannot make sense of the marks on the page. This may be due to their inability to make phonetic sense of the letters they see. In technical terms this means they lack "phonemic awareness." (A phoneme is a small segment of sound and groups of phonemes make up words. The student who cannot "see" phonemes cannot make sense of words.) Therefore, reading instruction must be done in a way that helps students develop this critical phonetic awareness.

Unfortunately many schools do very little to address dyslexia and some even deny the condition exists.

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It is bad enough that schools do so little, but what little they do is often the wrong thing. That is, the way reading is presented to students really matters. That's the reason programs such as ours at the Scottish Rite are so important. We take an approach that is best described as "multi-sensory instruction." This means we teach reading using visual approaches, of course, but also auditory and kinesthetic methods. The result is that our students learn to see, hear, and even feel the letters that make phonemes in the English language.

The Scottish Rite has taken the lead in helping lawmakers understand the nature of dyslexia and the ways it can be overcome. Cheryl Clemens pointed out that at present there are 107 members of Congress, from both parties, working in a dyslexia caucus. For example, lawmakers at the federal and state levels are discussing how schools can provide better accommodations for the needs of dyslexic students. It is remarkable and hopeful to

find an issue, such as this one, that can unite such a large number of people across the aisle! This is cause for hope.

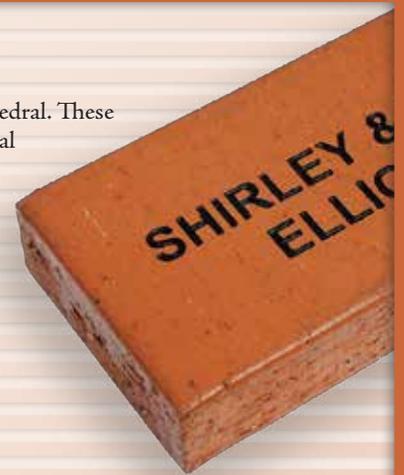
There is a growing awareness of dyslexia and we can be proud that the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite has, for years, taken the lead in providing services to children in our communities. The Children's Dyslexia Centers are open to all children suffering from this condition and without regard for their race, religion, school district, or Masonic affiliation. And most important of all, the service is provided without charge to the children or their families.

We are right to be proud of our Children's Dyslexia Center in Indianapolis, its staff, and the Director, Julie Bohannon. And we are proud to make a difference in the lives of so many young people. For twenty years we have been doing this work....a Masonic service in the best sense.

Ashlar Society

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

To commemorate these completed projects, we invite you to join the Ashlar Society. This is an excellent opportunity to memorialize a deceased loved one or honor someone with a living tribute. You may purchase a brick which will be located in the area near the new west entrance by the parking lot. There are two options to consider: a 4"x 8" brick (2-lines of copy) for a donation of \$100.00 or an 8"x 8" brick (4-lines of copy) for a donation of \$500.00. immortalize your loved one or friend today by ordering a brick. Reserve a brick by sending in your order form below, along with your tax deductible contribution, to the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation. For further information, contact the Foundation at 317-262-3123. Orders are accepted through Memorial Day and installed by Labor Day.



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Igniting Our Cathedral's Boiler

by Jerry B Collins, 33° - editor

Philippians 2:3-4 — Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

As the summer wanes and the inevitable seasonal advance towards fall, we are reminded through the signs of cooler weather and falling leaves that it will soon be time to jettison our shorts and sandals for more appropriate clothing. Flu season is coming and we will be advised to get our annual flu shots. Did you know that when you get vaccinated, you're protecting yourself and your community? This concept is called community immunity.

We have a community immunity system that has been helping brothers for centuries through a series of degrees. It is how we teach good men and make them better by teaching morals and how to practice good ethical behavior. We do this through the use of 32 degrees—better known as allegories.

First seen in English in 1382, the word allegory comes from the latinization of the Greek *allegoria* meaning veiled language, figurative. As a literary device, an allegory is a metaphor in which a character, place, or event is used to deliver a broader message about real-world issues and

occurrences. Allegory (in the sense of the practice and use of allegorical devices and works) has occurred widely throughout history in all forms of art, largely because it can readily illustrate or convey complex ideas and concepts in ways that are comprehensible or striking to its viewers, readers, or listeners.

Allegories are designed to help Masons remember how we should behave more easily. Each one takes (semi-)hidden or complex meanings through symbolic figures, actions, imagery, or events, which together help teach a brother a moral, spiritual, or ethos.

Some of our degrees can be discerned in one sitting—others take repeated viewings or require further discernment and analysis—much like the Master Mason degree. Allegories can be as simple as an apple dropping on Sir Isaac Newton's head to explain gravity or more complex such as *Animal Farm* by George Orwell—a political allegory pertaining to the Russian Revolution of 1917 and the rise of communism.

Repeatedly witnessing allegories at our Convocations and Stated Meetings is akin to igniting the boiler in our Cathedral: it lights a fire inspiring our members and making us better Masons. We need to regularly immerse ourselves in our degrees to get the most out of what the author intended to teach.

Just as we schedule our yearly flu shots, we are well advised to regularly attend our degrees so that we may constantly bathe our minds in the practice of every commendable virtue.

