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From the Northeast Corner

Looking Back on 2021

Rodney A. Mann – Executive Director

April 30 is the end of our fraternal year. It offers us a time to reflect on the previous twelve months. The Valley has moved full speed ahead. Our events this year were outstanding. The Bean Supper was well attended. Our speaker for the Bean Supper was great. Our orchestra and chorus gave us music for the ages.

We continued to bring in new members at our Convocation and the Rite on the Road events. The Rite on the Road events in Bloomington and Columbus were outstanding days. We had new events like Pin Ball at the Pin Vault. All were well attended.

We are now a Valley of Excellence in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. This is a great accomplishment for our Valley. We are counted among the best Valleys in the jurisdiction. Congratulation to all our

officers and members on this excellent accomplishment.

I want to thank three outstanding Officers who are retiring Wm. Dirk Rader SP, Eric Vermeulen MWM, and Matthew Lowe CIC. Well done good and faithful servants!

See you around the Rite!

ON THE COVER

A close-up image of the trusses and woodwork high above the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral Auditorium floor. The robust Cherubs holding plaques to their breasts are symbolic reference to the Ten Commandments.

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To communicate more quickly and effectively we need your email address. If you have not registered on the Scottish Rite North Masonic Jurisdiction website, please do so at:

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We Want To Come Visit You

Thrice Potent Master – Robert D. Heuchan 32°

We would like to visit your Lodge. This can be in the form of providing a Masonic Education topic, or to simply give brothers an update of the ongoings of your Valley of Indianapolis Scottish Rite.

Many of us believe, and understandably so, that our Scottish Rite organization is centered around the beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral building. While we all acknowledge our building is magnificent and one of a kind, we should not be of the belief that our activities should be restricted to this one site.

Many of you (as have I) discovered that the online Rite on the Road program, which is conducted through the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, is well done and beneficial. But

**Every lodge has a story to tell
and we would like to have you
share yours with us.**

did you know that your Valley has the ability to come to your lodge to bring in a new brother to the Scottish Rite, with the showing of the 4th Degree and one additional degree?

We would like to have a chance to share this experience with your lodge. If your lodge has a brother interested in joining Scottish Rite, let us know. We can do our own “Rite on the

Road” at your lodge. We will bring along the degrees, provide the meal and refreshments and invite your Scottish Rite brothers to join us at your home lodge.

These Rite on the Road visits not only present the degrees in the same format you have seen online, it also provides the added opportunity of enjoying fellowship at your lodge. And it gives brothers like myself the opportunity to visit your lodge. Every lodge has a story to tell and we would like to have you share yours with us.

Understand that these visits are in no way an attempt to pressure your lodge brothers into joining the Scottish Rite. We come only at your invitation. As we are made aware of a Brother’s interest to join the Scottish Rite, we meet with your officers and agree on an open evening for us to “take it on the road” to your lodge. Overall, it provides all of us a great chance for fellowship and learning.

Finally, the newly initiated brothers then have the same opportunity as the rest of us to come to our beautiful Cathedral to experience the convocations and degrees, stated meetings, and the many events. And ideally, to take part in these Rite on the Road experiences as we reach out and visit other lodges.

If you have an interest, let us know. We would love to **“take it on the road”** to your community!



Brother To Brother Calling Team

Mathew Bryant 32°, Sr. Warden Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix

The Brother to Brother Calling Team was established many years ago with a purpose of making calls to our Indianapolis Valley Scottish Rite Brothers, providing what is hoped to be a simple ray of sunshine and warmth from the Valley. Our sole purpose is to check in with Brothers, lend some encouraging words, listen for challenges they may be facing, and if needed, guidance to resources that may be able to help them. With over 5,500 members in our Valley and only 10 team members we do our best to reach out to as many as possible.

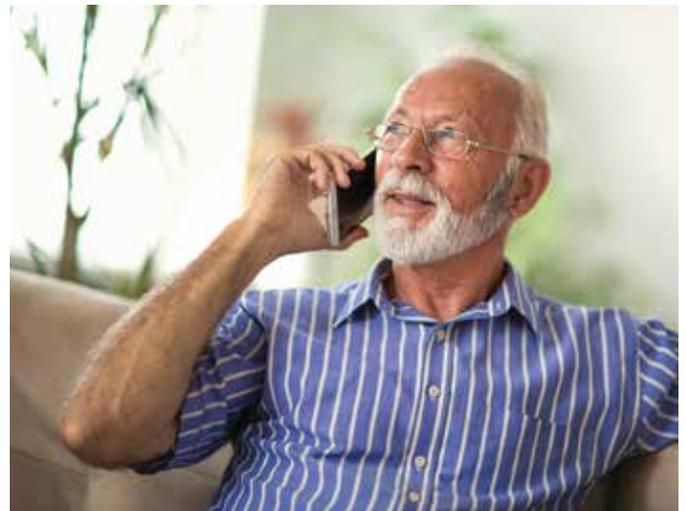
The challenges all of us have faced during past 2 years shared the significance of this type of program. Monthly, my team members report the feedback from Brothers encouraged by our efforts to reach out to them. The task is made a bit more difficult since we are making calls from our own cell phones and land lines and not the Scottish Rite Cathedral phones. As with most individuals now days, if we don't recognize a phone number we sometimes block it or simply let it go to voicemail. Our team will leave a voicemail and occasionally members get a return call which energizes us to stay vigilant with the program.

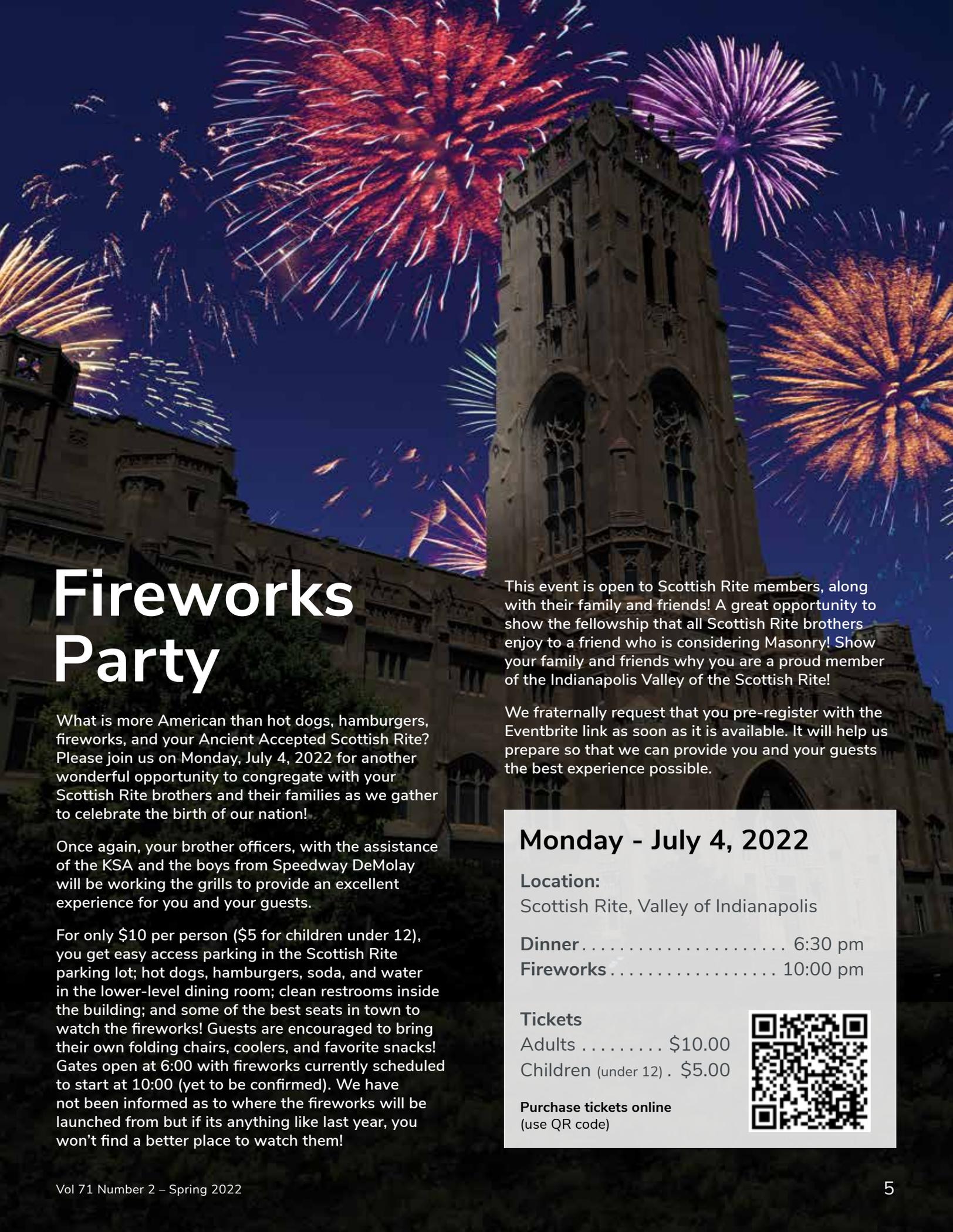
In September of 2021 several team members began to incorporate a process called email merge. This allows us to send out emails to large volumes of recipients with very little effort other than to create the email message and an excel file containing names and email addresses. This

part of the program has helped us locate email addresses which are no longer in service which in turn allows us to “clean” the Valley’s database. All members are encouraged to update their contact information.

**We have exceeded
3,000 reach outs, well over
our 50% goal**

Our goal for 2021-2022, September – June respectively, was to reach out to 50% of our members. I am happy to share with the Valley that by the time publication occurs of this article we will have exceeded 3,000 reach outs, well over the 50% target. On a somber note, one of the more difficult parts of this program is finding out that a Brother has entered that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. However, we are comforted with the fact that we can appropriately pray for him and his family once we are made aware of his passing.





Fireworks Party

What is more American than hot dogs, hamburgers, fireworks, and your Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite? Please join us on Monday, July 4, 2022 for another wonderful opportunity to congregate with your Scottish Rite brothers and their families as we gather to celebrate the birth of our nation!

Once again, your brother officers, with the assistance of the KSA and the boys from Speedway DeMolay will be working the grills to provide an excellent experience for you and your guests.

For only \$10 per person (\$5 for children under 12), you get easy access parking in the Scottish Rite parking lot; hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, and water in the lower-level dining room; clean restrooms inside the building; and some of the best seats in town to watch the fireworks! Guests are encouraged to bring their own folding chairs, coolers, and favorite snacks! Gates open at 6:00 with fireworks currently scheduled to start at 10:00 (yet to be confirmed). We have not been informed as to where the fireworks will be launched from but if its anything like last year, you won't find a better place to watch them!

This event is open to Scottish Rite members, along with their family and friends! A great opportunity to show the fellowship that all Scottish Rite brothers enjoy to a friend who is considering Masonry! Show your family and friends why you are a proud member of the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite!

We fraternally request that you pre-register with the Eventbrite link as soon as it is available. It will help us prepare so that we can provide you and your guests the best experience possible.

Monday - July 4, 2022

Location:

Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis

Dinner 6:30 pm

Fireworks 10:00 pm

Tickets

Adults \$10.00

Children (under 12) . \$5.00

Purchase tickets online
(use QR code)



Historic Artcraft Theatre in Franklin, Indiana



Private showing of the movie National Treasure.

You may have heard members of your Family Life Committee say that we are eager to bring the warmth and fellowship of the Scottish Rite outside of our glorious Cathedral and outside of Indianapolis. To that end, we have arranged a special event in Franklin, Indiana.

On June 30, 2022 at 7:00 pm all Scottish Rite members and their guests are invited to a private showing of National Treasure, starring Nicolas Cage as Benjamin Franklin Gates who searches for treasure that was hidden away by our nation's founding fathers with assistance of the freemasons!

We have settled on the low ticket price of \$2.50 per person! We wanted to make it easy for you to bring along the family and provide an opportunity for you to introduce friends and prospective Masons to the fun and fellowship that come with Masonry in general and Scottish Rite in particular! The concession stand will be open for you to purchase popcorn, soft drinks, and other confections.



If you have not been to the restored Historic Artcraft Theatre in Franklin, you are in for a real treat. This classic venue was originally used for vaudeville and silent movies. It was converted to accommodate "talkies" and has been restored to its Art Deco prime! This space is unique and has to be experienced to fully appreciate the care and detail of the restoration.

The Historic Artcraft Theatre is located at 57 N. Main St. IN Franklin, IN. Franklin is easily accessible from I-65 and is only a half hour drive from the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis. Seating is plentiful but limited.

So come out and join us! Who knows, TPM Heuchan might reveal where the secret access to the gold-filled tombs of previous TPMS, Caleb B. Smith and John Caven are located within the Scottish Rite Cathedral!

If you have something special about your town that you think your Scottish Rite brothers would enjoy, please contact a member of the Family Life Committee and let us know how we can bring Scottish Rite fellowship to you!

Thursday, June 30, 2022
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Historic Artcraft Theater - Franklin, IN
Tickets - \$2.50 (per person)

The Power of Not Just A Man, A Mason

Roger S. VanGorden, PGM, PTPM, 33°



When first seeing the posters for the “Not just a man, A Mason” campaign offered by the Supreme Council, I thought, “This sounds like an organization I would like to be part of.” Yeah Which is the power of “Not just a man, A Mason” campaign. It is not just a means to introduce non-members to Freemasonry, it calls us to be that fraternity!

These images work on our subconscious. They create in our minds archetypes of what this fraternity is as it is in our hearts. They beckon us to live the ideals we teach. It is us! The posters and banners whisper to us to look beyond the ordinary and see what brotherhood is truly all about.

We tell the new brother entering our Lodge that by improving the character of the individual man Freemasonry seeks to improve the community. We inspire this improvement by living the art of Freemasonry in our homes, workplaces, and communities. We are a living example of our high ideals to those around us. There are good men in our families and circle of acquaintance who the lessons of Freemasonry will improve their lives. Good men who we may not even be aware are looking for an opportunity to grow as a husband, father, neighbor, and employee of the companies for which they work.

Freemasonry by its practice grows a man emotionally and spiritually. Freemasonry by working in Lodge grows a man in those things he needs for success in his career.

For our brother Master Masons who are not 32° Freemasons becoming part of the Scottish Rite also opens opportunities. Opportunities to extend friendships beyond their Lodge. Opportunities to participate in larger and diverse activities. Opportunities to expand their knowledge and understanding of Freemasonry. As with Lodge, being active in the work of the Scottish Rite affords a brother opportunities to learn skills he can use in his daily life.

This is the power of the “Not Just A Man, A Mason” posters and banners. Calling to us to be that fraternity. Ideas, behaviors, and skills which are desperately needed today.

We have several of the banners displayed during meetings and other Masonic events held at our Cathedral. Wouldn't it be great if all our Lodges had these banners? Well, now they can through the Grand Lodge's PR and Marketing committee's “Festival” package that contains “Not Just A Man, A Mason” banners (among other things). We encourage you to use these posters and banners at your Lodge, especially on your Lodge's social media pages.

Support
**The Children's Dyslexia Center
of Indianapolis**
by attending

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Friday, April 29, 2022
5:30 - 10:00 pm

Murat Shrine
510 N New Jersey St., Indianapolis, IN

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APR
WEDNESDAY
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STATED MEETING

Wednesday, April 6
Scottish Rite Cathedral
5:30 pm - Dinner
6:00 pm - 4th Degree
7:00 pm - Meeting - 21st Degree to follow

APR
SUNDAY
10

EASTER CATHEDRAL HOUR

Sunday, April 10 - 3:00 pm
Scottish Rite Cathedral - Theater

APR
FRIDAY
29

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

Friday, April 29
Murat Shrine
5:30 pm - Mixer / Dinner
6:30 pm - Bingo / Raffle / Prizes
Online tickets - or at the door

MAY
WEDNESDAY
04

STATED MEETING

Wednesday, May 4
Scottish Rite Cathedral
6:00 pm - 4th Degree
7:00 pm - Meeting

MAY
SUNDAY
08

ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, May 8 - 3:00 pm
Scottish Rite Cathedral - Theater

JUN
WEDNESDAY
01

STATED MEETING

Wednesday, June 1
Scottish Rite Cathedral
6:00 pm - 4th Degree
7:00 pm - Meeting - 9th Degree to follow

JUN
THURS.-FRI.
02-03

COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

Friday & Saturday, June 3-4
Evansville, IN

JUN
THURSDAY
30

HISTORIC ARTCRAFT THEATER

Thursday, June 30 - 7:00 pm
Franklin, IN

JUL
MONDAY
04

FIREWORKS PARTY

Monday, July 4
Scottish Rite Cathedral
6:30 pm - Dinner
7:00 pm - Fireworks
Purchase tickets online

Additional Scottish Rite Fraternal news and events can be found at: aasr-indy.org