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From the Northeast Corner **YES!**

Tom Fallis, 33° – Executive Director

My pleasure, of course, and certainly are all ways of saying the same word...YES. This word is the easiest word to say in anyone's vocabulary, especially active Master Masons. We often joke that the lost Masonic word is, NO. This is only true because Masons are ready, willing, and able to give of their time, talents, and treasure to help anyone in need.

My friends all know that I live and breathe everything Disney. I am happiest when I am at one of the various parks in Orlando. My family and I would spend weeks over Christmas at Disney World. Why, may you ask? Why not? Our experiences have been nothing but positive. The employees go above and beyond to make sure that you have the best time ever. No, is never in their vocabulary. They may not give you exactly as you have asked for, but they will strive to find you the best alternative.

Disney used to run Disney University. DU was a place where businesses would send their employees for a week to immerse them in the world of excellent customer service. Unfortunately, that program has gone by the wayside and is no longer available. However, corporations still pay Disney to create orientation programs for new employees. IU Health has used a Disney created orientation for their new hires for close to 20 years.

Say what you will, it works. You can't argue with success. Proof is in the pudding so to speak. Why do you think that Disney World is the #1 destination in

the United States? It is because visitors know that they will get their money's worth and a positive experience to boot.

For several years, the officers and staff at the Scottish Rite have been charged to give our members the Disney Experience. If we have failed to do so, we are sorry. We are not perfect, but we strive every day to improve. My pledge to you is to give you the best member experience possible. If I don't know there is a problem, I can't fix it. I always appreciate feedback, positive or negative. Until next time, I look forward to seeing you around the Rite!

ON THE COVER

Architectural detail of the top of the tower.
(Photo by Don R. Reynolds, 33°)

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The Spirit of Giving

Randy Seipel, 33° MSA -
Director of Fraternal Development

Developing the spirit of giving is truly one of the many fruits that we as Masons and Scottish Rite Masons reap throughout our Masonic journey. The act of giving without hope or reward is a beautiful trait to develop as men and as masons. The spirit of giving cannot be measured in the size, or the number of gifts given. They can only be measured in the true heart of the giver.

Just recently the Indianapolis Scottish Rite recognized one of our brothers who truly has the heart of a giver, and has carried the spirit of giving in his heart for many, many years, Illustrious Brother J. Robert Wortman 33°, known as just Bob to his friends and brothers. For his act of giving, our beautiful auditorium within our Cathedral has been appropriately named the J. Robert Wortman 33° Auditorium in recognition of Brother Bob's many years of support to our cathedral foundations. His recent gift is directly dedicated to the long-term care and preservation of our auditorium that will make a lasting impact for several years.

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Brother Bob was born and raised and has spent his life in Morristown, IN. In his years he has ran his business and raised his family. He met and married the loved of his life Sue Ann who was also raised in Morristown in 1957. Even though his beloved wife has passed he is still as devoted to her as much today as he was back in 1957.

Brother Bob will tell you he has been blessed with good luck. His statement mirrors his humble opinion of himself. I have had the pleasure of getting to know Bob over the last ten years, he truly has been blessed not



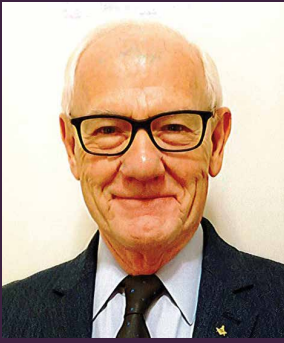
The J. Robert Wortman 33° Auditorium

with good luck but with the spirit of giving, caring and a work ethic. He is truly the type of Man and Mason we should all strive to be.

Brother Bob has had numerous business successes but what he is most proud of is being a hometown boy, a devoted husband, family man, a Marine who served his country with honor and being a Mason. Besides his numerous financial contributions to Masonic endeavors, cancer centers, community projects throughout Shelby and Hancock counties, Brother Bob has served on so many boards and community groups it would take pages and pages to list them all. Bob has the spirit of a giver.

Of all his accomplishments, awards, accolades and successes, I believe he gets the most enjoyment out of just being Brother Bob, telling old stories and funny anecdotes and just being a joy to be around.

If you ever sit back and wonder who should I emulate, I suggest you be like Brother Bob, I try to every day.



A Wonderful Opportunity to Help!

James R. Keating, 33°



The Board of Governors of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis is justifiably proud, as you can imagine. Hundreds of children have been served by our organization over the past quarter century (this year is our 25th Anniversary.) They have had opportunities for success opened to them as they learned to read. What a wonderful legacy this is. Our success today carries forward into the future for more than a generation to come! Today's readers are tomorrow's leaders. The Board thanks the Scottish Rite, on behalf of the children and their families, for this wonderful charity.

But there is more! We have trained scores of tutors in our program based on the latest research-based techniques to help children suffering from dyslexia. We use the Orton-Gillingham method for multi-sensory teaching and our national Scottish Rite organization provides all the training materials and certifications for our tutors. It is a comprehensive and strenuous training program; however, it is essential that our tutors are fully trained and qualified to help the children.

There are 46 Scottish Rite Dyslexia Centers in the United States and all of them are staffed by professionals who teach the children, keep records, compile reports, and conduct research studies. They do all the work needed to keep the organization working effectively. Although the Board of Governors is made up entirely of volunteers who receive no pay, our staff is made up of paid and certified professionals. In addition to paying our staff, there are other costs to be considered as well. We need to cover rent, purchase training materials, pay for tax and insurance services, and buy books, supplies, and office equipment. That is, there are costs involved in running a program like ours.

We must also note that we do this as a Masonic service to the community. Our students' families do not pay for this program. Really! Our work is a gift

to the community. We depend upon the support of our members and others to keep the doors open. For a quarter century we have done so...and we say thank you to all who have helped.

How do we pay for these expenses? The Board of Governors works hard all year to raise funds for our Indianapolis Center. In this we are supported by Scottish Rite members who donate annually when renewing their memberships. We also appreciate numerous community organizations who support our work through grants to our program. These include grants from Lilly Endowment, Central Indiana Community Foundation, the Williams Jefferson Trust, and others. There are also Masonic groups, such as the Widow's Sons, who have been remarkably generous through their annual motorcycle ride to benefit the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis. It is a joy to see the riders on the road knowing the good work they support!

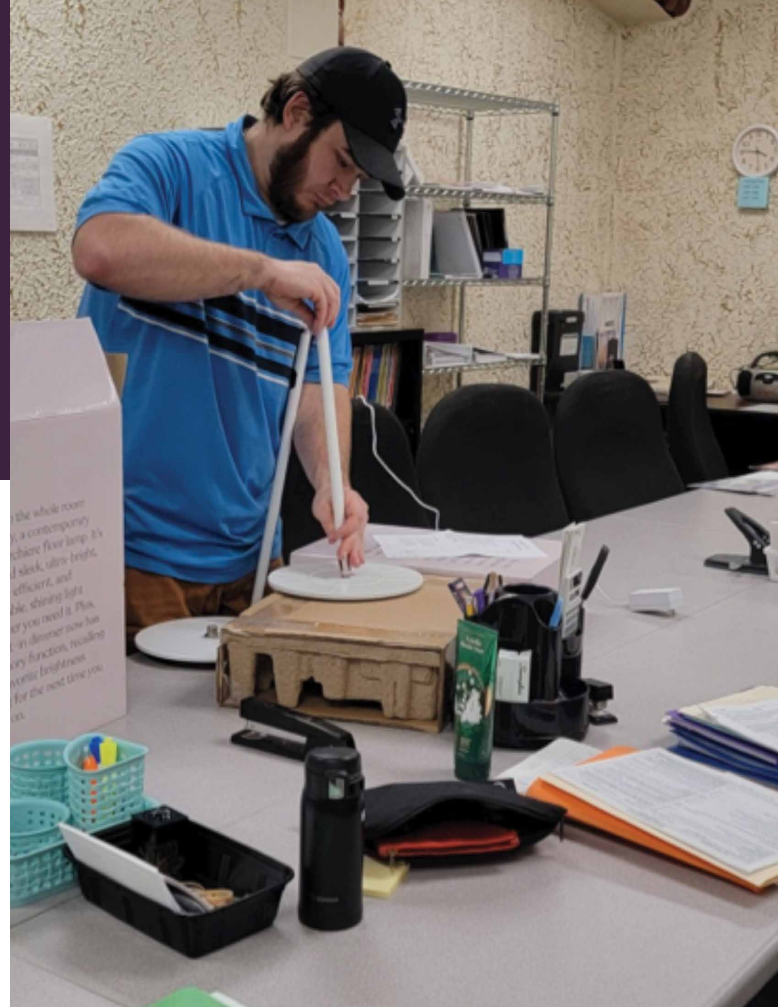
**We depend upon the support
of our members and others
to keep the doors open.**

We hold an annual Spring Bingo that attracts repeat bingo players who enjoy the friendship and fun at the event. Last year several attendees made special donations to the Center including table sponsors, game sponsors, and some who handed cash donations to be credited to the Center. We thank each and everyone one who helped us in this way!

Moreover, the Children's Dyslexia Center receives support from Masonic lodges and Eastern Star chapters from all over Indiana. (We should note we are the ONLY Scottish Rite Dyslexia Center in Indiana.) Such Masonic donations are essential for the success of our mission. We appreciate gratefully all of those who help us do this important work.

(Top photo) Running the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis requires lots of work. We are focused on the students, of course, but there are also lots of administrative duties and sometimes repairs and upgrades to equipment. Here one of our tutor trainees, Nick Bohannon, helps the Center by upgrading one of the computer systems. There is a lot to do to make any Center a success.

(Bottom photo) Our tutors work with parents and students to help students succeed. You can be part of this success as well. Sponsor-a-Child is a splendid chance to help our students reach for a bright and fulfilling future.



We are introducing you to another opportunity for helping. This program will allow you personally, or your business, lodge, Eastern Star chapter, family, or other group to help sponsor a child.

Sponsor-a-Child is a program of the Children's Dyslexia Centers, Inc, our national organization at the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Participants can join by way of a \$5,000 donation to our Indianapolis Center. The sponsor will be assigned a child whose tutoring is thereby totally funded by the donation. Not only that, but the sponsor will also receive notice of the progress of the student so you can see how much the program helps.

The sponsor can be a person, business, lodge, Eastern Star chapter, Masonic organization, family, or any organization that would like to support the Center on a personal and personalized level. Think about this as an option for a direct and effective charitable contribution to our Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis. This is a superb way to support our Center. Please consider it!

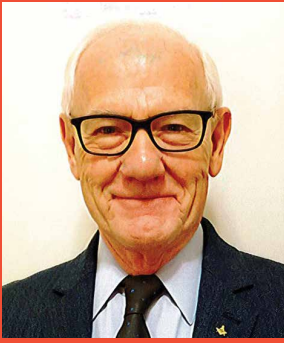
To participate, you can contact us at:

Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

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At the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis, we change lives. Please consider helping us as we move forward.





Wonderful News! Our Dyslexia Center Receives Major Lilly Award!

James R. Keating, 33rd



Lilly Endowment Inc.

A Private Philanthropic Foundation

Wonderful News! The Board of Governors of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis is thrilled to announce the receipt of a major grant from one of the nation's most prestigious foundations. The Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis is one of 187 organizations to receive a grant through Strengthening Youth Programs in Indiana, a major initiative from Lilly Endowment Inc. Our Center was selected as a recipient of a \$150,000 grant from Lilly Endowment to help pay for the staff supporting the Indianapolis Center over the next three years.

We are extremely grateful to Lilly Endowment for this generous grant in support of our operations. We look forward to tutoring more children, helping them achieve success in reading, in school, and in life. Julie Bohannon, the Director of our Center recently noted, "For 25 years, the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis has partnered with local communities to assist youth in regaining confidence and building self-esteem through proven methods for reading instruction, tutoring, and dyslexia remediation."

About Lilly Endowment and its Program
Lilly Endowment Inc. is a private foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. While those gifts remain the financial bedrock of the Endowment, it is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff, and location. Although the Endowment funds programs throughout the United States, it maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana.

"Indiana's youth-serving organizations are crucial to the healthy development of children and youth across the state," said Ted Maple, Lilly Endowment's vice president for education. "The challenges these organizations have faced in meeting the needs of young people in

recent years have made their work increasingly difficult. Lilly Endowment is pleased to support their efforts to strengthen programs and serve more youth more effectively."

Lilly Endowment launched Strengthening Youth Programs in Indiana Initiative in 2022. This year, the program was expanded and recipients were chosen from a competitive pool of applicants. Our very own Children's Dyslexia Center, at the Indianapolis Scottish Rite, was selected as one of the recipients.

The Board of Governors of the Center is happy to share this wonderful news with the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis. This is a very happy day for all of us and for the children we serve...now and into the future. A heart-felt thank you goes to Lilly Endowment for its generosity and determination to build a better and stronger community.

(Right) It is a great achievement to become a Certificated Dyslexia Practitioner and Annie-Marie White, one of our tutors has earned this distinction. She is now prepared to work with children and to continue her professional studies at the Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis.



(Below) Julie Bohannon (second from right) with some of our Dyslexia Center tutors as they prepared for the second semester this year.





First Annual DeMolay Golf Outing

Mathew Bryant, 32°

On April 20, 2024, Indiana DeMolay held its first annual golf outing at the Back 9 Entertainment facility in Indianapolis. Proceeds from the benefit fundraiser all went to support Indiana DeMolay's Grant-Hamill Foundation. Since 1959, the Grant-Hamill Foundation has supported Indiana DeMolay in many ways.

One area the Foundation supports is offsetting the cost of state and international activities for DeMolays. State events include tournaments for bowling, basketball, rifle, broom ball, sport and game fest, and billiards. International events include leadership development events such as International Supreme Council and national events like Super Jurisdictional meetings. In addition, funds from the Foundation are utilized to offset the cost of Indiana DeMolay's annual Conclave. Conclave is a 4-day, 3-night event in which members from throughout the state of Indiana, and often from our neighboring states such as Kentucky and Ohio, join us and enjoy fraternal bonding, participating in ritual competition, hold an initiation, play sports, games, and install elected state officers for the following term (June-June).

Back to the Golf Tournament. For the DeMolay golf outing mentioned earlier, a big thanks goes out to the staff and management of Back 9 for their exceptional support during this event. They provided very professional services. There were approximately 40 golfers and attendees at the event. Representation officers from the Grand Lodge, Murat Shrine, and Scottish Rite along with many lodges were in attendance.

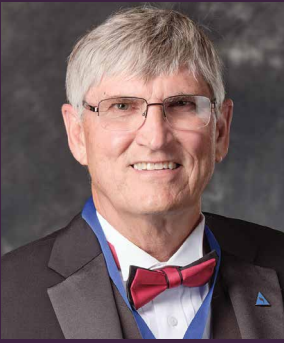
Plan to join us for our April 2025 event!

More information will be forthcoming.

THANK YOU to our many sponsors who truly made this event a success.

- Bill and Gail Sassman
- JR Perez
- Grand Lodge of Indiana officers
- Indiana Harbor Lodge
- Indiana Masonic Home Foundation
- Mike Klepper
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- Eric and Andrea Vermeulen
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Valley of Indianapolis – Rite on the Road Events

Bob Heuchan, 32°
Membership Development Committee

The Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis is announcing two upcoming Rite on the Road events.

New Castle Lodge #91 Saturday, August 3, 2024

(RSVP by July 27, 2024)

The first event will be held Saturday, August 3 at New Castle Lodge #91 (251 State Road 38, New Castle, IN 47362). The event is scheduled to begin at 9:00 am Registration, along with coffee and donuts will be provided beginning at 8:15 am. The tentative schedule for this event is the video showing of the 4th Degree (Builder) and the 26th Degree (Friend and Brother Eternal). In addition, it is expected that a live degree will be presented as well. Following the degrees, lunch will be provided by the New Castle Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 116.

If you have any questions contact:

Tyler Whittaker (765) 702-7677 or
Bob Heuchan (317) 474-4069.

All Scottish Rite Masons in the Henry County and surrounding areas are invited.

Hope Lodge #150 Thursday, October 24, 2024

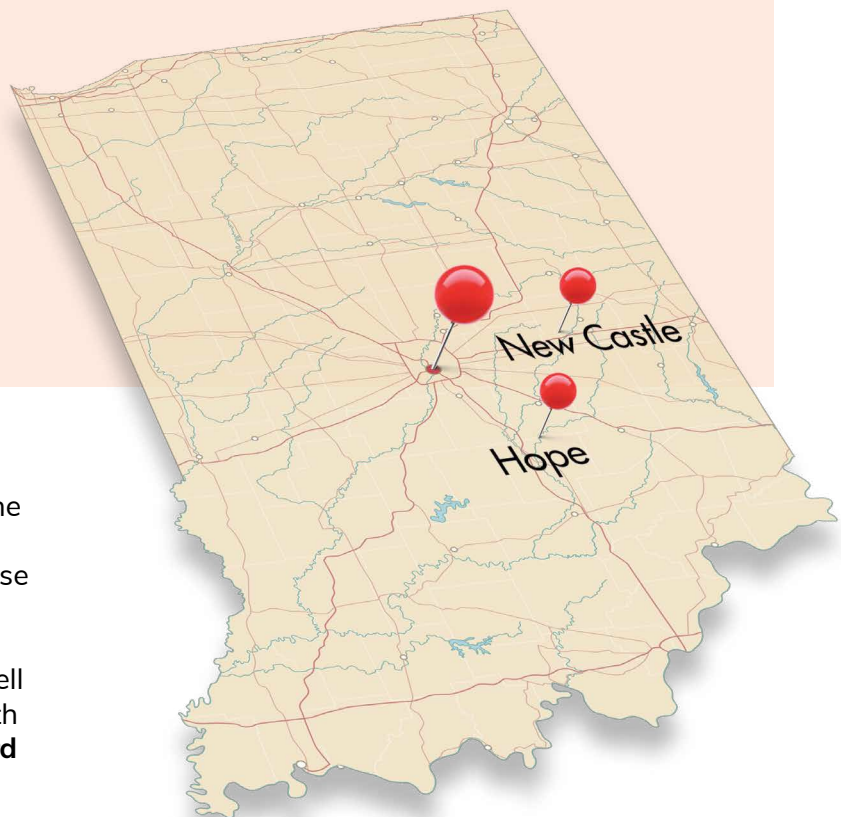
The second event is scheduled for the south central Indiana area on the evening of Thursday, October 24 at Hope Lodge #150 in Hope, Indiana. At this time the degrees to be shown have not yet been determined. More information is to follow.

If you have any questions contact:

Ohmer Miller (812) 371-7786 or
Bob Heuchan (317) 474-4069.

Additional Rite on the Road events are currently being planned for the near future to be held in the Lafayette area and also in the Hancock County areas. Be on the alert for announcements on these as they come together.

These Rite on the Road events continue to be well received by the Scottish Rite brethren (along with the new members) who attend. **We look forward to seeing you at one of these events in the weeks and months ahead!**





The Significance of a Masonic Word and Grip.

Philip Pardue 32°
Indianapolis Valley of Indianapolis - Shelby Lodge 28

I'm an EMT for a private ambulance service in Indianapolis. I've been working in EMS (Emergency Medical Service) for 20 years and I've been a Master Mason for four years. I joined the Scottish Rite this year.

The most moving and significant transport I've been a part of involved another Mason. The brother I had was being transferred from a local hospital back to the nursing home where he now lives.

I didn't know that he was a brother until after entering his hospital room. He was very confused and was upset because he didn't know what was happening because he couldn't remember what had been said to him.

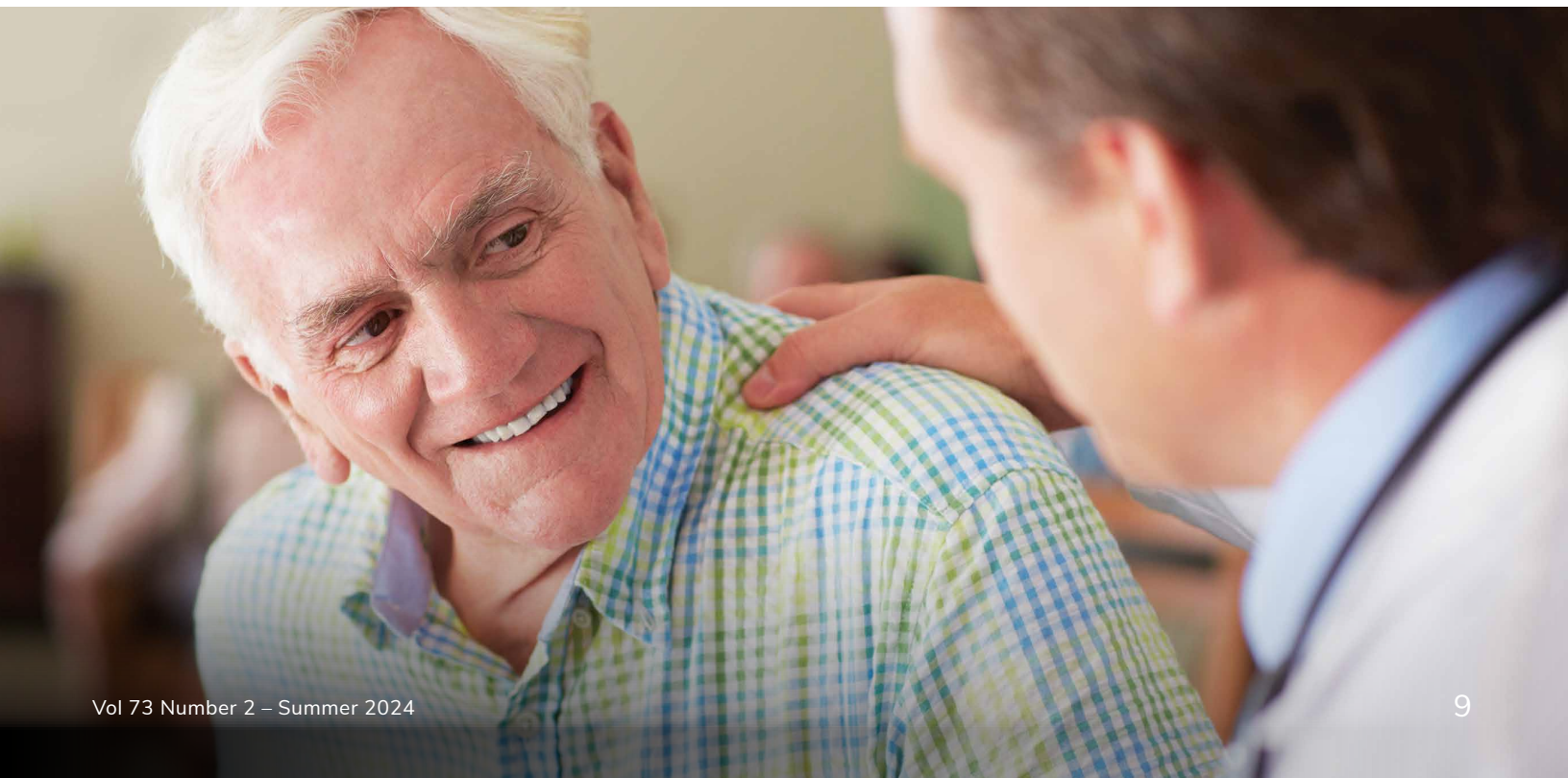
When I approached him I saw his Masonic ring. I calmly tried explaining who I was and what was going on. In a panic he said he was scared and felt unsafe. I took him by the right hand and give him the grip of an Entered Apprentice, and asked him what it was. He stared at it and said "I should know that but I can't remember." I gave him the name of the grip and his face lit up and excitedly said "I know that". I gave him the grip of a Fellow Craft and as I leaned in closer to him, he gave the word. I told him it is

good and asked "what is this," as I gave the pass grip for a Master Mason. He gave the word and calmly said with a smile "I am safe with you, my brother."

His energy, mood and body was now calm and no longer stressed. My partner came into the room with the nurse and they were shocked at how much of a change the patient had made. I told them it's hard to explain but we are both Freemasons and had a special connection.

As we were loading the patient into the ambulance, he suddenly panicked again. He looked at me and said "I feel like I should know you. Where am I going, what is happening to me?" I calmly said "you are being taken to the place whence you came." He relaxed and answered "To be reinvested of what I had been divested. Let's go my brother I know that I am safe and in good hands."

I was and still am surprised how much those grips and words meant to him. I had not been a Mason for very long at that point. It shows how much something that seems to be so insignificant can be life changing and in the process of being lost, a grip and word will fix everything. We all learn during our first degree to follow our guide and fear no danger.





Scottish Rite Men's Chorus Becoming a Family and Friends Choir

Brandon Armacost, 32°



As the ravages of time spare no man or Mason, and the profane world continues to entice not only our own brothers from age old fellowship but men of all ages from even looking in our direction, specialty Masonic groups must adapt or fade into history.

One such group is our very own men's chorus. Scottie's have been singing together at the Indianapolis Valley almost as long as the Cathedral has stood. They have sung for degrees, at convocations, spring and Christmas concerts, holiday events, have caroled around the city, sung at local churches, and there was even a time when they would have their own 'gigs' at various establishments around the Circle City and beyond.

Alas as the overall numbers of brothers in this grand fraternity continues to trend in a negative direction, we in the chorus have a unique opportunity not afforded many Masonic groups, to open our arms and doors to the outside world. We have all agreed to extend an invitation to not only our current Scottish Rite Brothers, but to our Blue Lodge Brothers, York Rite Brothers, fellow singers the Murat Shrine Chanters and fellow

nobles, prophets, cousins, any and all Masons wherever so dispersed! But even greater than these, we want to invite our special ladies, our mothers, our grandmothers, our daughters, our significant others, our sons, and fathers, and grandfathers, and nieces, and nephews, and of course our friends both best and acquaintance to join us on stage!!

If you know any friends or family members who enjoy singing, please assist us in spreading the word to them all this summer. While being able to hold a decent note or finding the right key is ideal, we just welcome all who love to sing. We have great singers who have been singing for decades, and even some who are degreed, that would love to assist you, your family, and our new friends in finding their voice.

We would love to see many new faces when we meet up again this fall on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the famous Shapiro's Delicatessen (808 S Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46225) for our traditional pie and coffee welcome back supper. After which, we will retire to the Scottish Rite Cathedral and work together to decide on the songs that will best fit our hopefully newly structured choir that we'll sing at the Christmas Concert in December 2024!!

Won't you and those close to you come sing with us?!?!?!?

Sing on!!

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining us, please have them contact me:
barmacost@gmail.com or (317) 294-6907.





Oh, To Be But a Craftsman

Troy Clements, 32° HGA

William Porter joined the Scottish Rite in 2022. He is a member of Greenwood Lodge 514 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in 2018. I met Bill when I had the honor to reach out to him as a part of the Brother to Brother committee. The Brother to Brother Committee is a group of Scottish Rite Masons who take time from their day to reach out and call, email, or just contact in general other Scottish Rite Masons. The purpose of the call is to brighten a brother's day and to extend fraternal love to them.

When I met Bill, I was captivated by how he spoke. Bill is a semi-truck driver for Walmart and works over 70 hours a week. For five days a week he is on the road delivering groceries and supplies to WalMart and Sam's Club locations throughout the midwest. Bill mainly focuses on Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, however, he has been to Ohio, Kentucky, and other places.

Bill is a man of few words but wants to be a part of something better and bigger than himself. The feeling he gets when he enters the Scottish Rite Cathedral is incredible. The best way he can explain it is that the feeling makes him want to be a better version of a man, husband, father, grandfather, and Mason. Bill's best memory of the Scottish Rite is the excitement and electricity he felt when he started his Scottish Rite journey. It was like none other he has ever had. He knows his brothers are there for him and will help him improve over time.

He is Married to Mika and they are the parents of Alex, Jessica, and Nicole. He also has two grandkids named Elli and Manny. Hearing him talk about his family is awesome. The love and happiness displayed when he speaks of family events and about his children is evident.

As if working 70-plus hours a week is not enough, he does manage to find time for some fun. He loves to go to the shooting range, play pool and play with his grandkids.

During our discussion, Bill never used the word "I." He focused on family, his brothers, and Masonry. One Mason Bill holds in the highest regard is Brother George Hall, 32° and current High Priest of the Sariah Council Princes of Jerusalem. To Bill, Brother Hall is truly a great example of a Brother Mason, Craftsman, veteran of the US Navy and whom this author personally admires and looks up to. Both men just want to do the right thing in their lives and embody all that is good in Freemasonry.

When you see Brother William "Bill" Porter around the Valley, please do not hesitate to go sit down with him and chew the fat. You will walk away from the conversation a better person merely just for taking the time to know Bill and soak up all the goodness he displays. All he wants is to be a better version of himself every day. There is no better way to describe being a Craftsman.





Oh, the Brothers You'll Meet!

Brandon Armacost, 32°

As I transition out of the role of Brother-to-Brother Calling Chairman for the past couple of years and back into a member of this wonderful committee, I am filled with the memories thus far of the Scottish Rite Brothers I've gotten to meet and talk to.

Since joining this team during the pandemic, I've gotten the privilege of meeting in person, talking to on the phone, and engaging with through email over 250 different Brothers of our close to 5,000 members of the Indianapolis Valley! I've sent close to 50 cards as an encouragement to Brothers through the NMJ website.

I've also had the chance to possibly interact with over 2,250 of our Brethren during my time reaching out to them by phone and electronically, but have just not been able to quite connect yet. And this doesn't even count all the others I've gotten to greet and converse with in person at our beautiful Cathedral during Stated Meetings, convocations, holiday parties, silent movies, dances, concerts, and Easter Cathedral Hour.

We come from all walks of life, backgrounds, religions, political beliefs, economic classes, we come with our struggles and our blessings, our ailments and our fortitude... but one thing we can all agree on and believe in is Freemasonry.

Brother Teddy Whitmer and 'The Boss' Sir Edmond Spencer hosting a campout



Brothers like Teddy Whitmer, whom I recently visited at his homestead in Fillmore. Teddy owns a beautiful piece of land, 11 acres to be exact, way out in one of the wonderful rural areas of Indiana. I drove his tractor, we cut some trees, shared a beverage, checked out his wood shop, talked about our families, he gave me medical advice for my wife (being a retired Nurse Practitioner and all), and we became closer friends and Brothers.

He shared with me how he took care of his mother for many years until she went to be with the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and why he couldn't be as active at the Rite and his Blue Lodge because of that. Despite some officers of his local lodge not being the most considerate or sympathetic to his season in life at the time, he continues to offer his services as a carpenter and handyman. Brother Whitmer often hosts various kids organizations and local children on his property for a safe, enjoyable place to camp and to get out of the city.

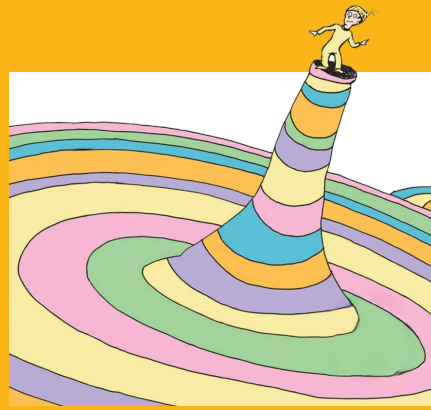
He's been a Mason since the early 80's and I would have never got to meet him if it weren't for this program, now we text every week!

Or how about Brother Tom Jackson, who at 48 years old was inspired by the degrees of the Scottish Rite to pursue a Master's degree in theology. He has since served three churches as a pastor and loves to serve the Lord and his community south of the loop.

Brother Jackson also shared a personal health miracle with me, of being healed from Parkinson's after a grueling yet successful 12 hour surgery. This is one great man I was happy to get to talk to, and who was more than happy to converse with a young Brother.

Then there is Brother William "Bill" Belt from Beechgrove, who responded to one of my emails I had sent him and stated he had some things to donate to the Scottish Rite. I gladly called him up and we got to set up a time to meet for lunch together.

*You'll greet them short and happy!
You'll hear them mad and sappy!
You'll see them big and tall!
You'll get to meet them, one and all!*



We ended up going to Culver's, unfortunately Brother Bill's blood sugar was off and he wasn't feeling well enough to eat. Undeterred, he sat there while I had a quick bite and we talked about our families. Our Brother had just recently lost the love of his life Barbara in December of 2023 and was still mourning her loss.

Before we parted ways, he mentioned wanting to come to a Stated Meeting and that he also had his late wife's clothes he'd like to donate. So a couple of days before our Stated Meeting in February I arranged to pick him up and get there early enough so we could drop the clothes off to the Wheeler Mission downtown. Regrettably, Brother Belt was not feeling well enough to attend but I was able to stop by his house and pick up eight bags of clothes to bless those who could use them. He often donates his own clothes and jackets to local support groups to give back to his hometown.

These are but a few examples of the good men and Masons I've gotten the favor to meet and interact with in my life and Masonic journey so far. I could go on for days and weeks about the 100's of fellow Freemasons, Scotties, Sir Knights, Companions, and Cousins I've personally met and talked to in my short five years in this fraternity...the mentors, the supporters, the givers, the uplifters, the leaders, the laborers, the influencers, the optimists, the encouragers, the examples, and the ones we aspire to be.

I could tell you about Dr. Steven Haug, the prominent dentist in Mooresville who called me back merely to thank a Scottish Rite Brother for reaching out; or Brother Tom Wulah who had been unemployed for a while dealing with major surgeries and health concerns, but has stayed ever positive and appreciated knowing his Scottish Rite Brothers cared; or 90 year old Brother Don Kivett from Seymour, a widower whom I hope to visit this summer but again just so upbeat; and on and on.

While this great Fraternity affords us all the chance to meet other men of different sorts, I would not have the honor of meeting a fraction of these Brothers if it



Brothers William Belt and Brandon Armacost

weren't for the Brother-to-Brother Calling program that is part of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. It has had one of the biggest impacts on my personal and Masonic lives, and has truly been the most rewarding experience of my young Masonic career.

I encourage anyone who has just a little extra time, to join this great group of Brothers whose goal it is to reach out and make a personal connection with another Brother!!

If you wish to join us, please contact the incoming Chairman Troy Clements, HGA and current Saraiah Council Princes of Jerusalem Master of Ceremonies at:
tclements371@gmail.com.



80th Annual Bean Supper

Howard Kellman - the voice of the Indianapolis Indians

Join us for the 80th Annual Bean Supper, Friday, September 6, 2024, from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm.

Our speaker for the evening is Howard Kellman, who majored in radio and television at Brooklyn College, graduating in 1975. During those undergraduate years, Kellman was the radio and television voice of St. John's basketball from 1973-75. Kellman celebrated his 40th year as the play-by-play announcer of the Indianapolis Indians in 2015. When not in the booth with the Indians, he also did 25 years of play-by-play at WHMB-TV, covering the high school football and basketball games of the week.

While juggling the Indians and high school on-air jobs, Kellman was Sports Director at WNDE-AM in 1981 and hosted radio shows on WXLW-AM and WNDE-AM called "Great Baseball Memories." These programs were a series of vignettes Kellman put

together with his baseball background. He also hosted a TV show "Inside the Indians." There were times when he filled in and did play-by-play for the Chicago White Sox, New York Mets and Cleveland Cavaliers. He was also a sideline reporter for Yale football in 2012 on the YES television network.

(from the Indiana Broadcast Pioneers)

Friday - Sept. 6, 2024

Location:

Grand Hall - Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis

Dinner 6:30 pm

Dress code Business casual

Cost **FREE** to members





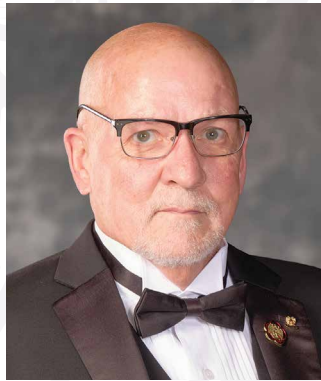
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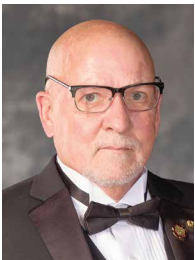
Congratulations to our 2024 Presiding Officers.

The installation ceremony
was conducted by Indiana
Commander-in-Chief III,
Paul C. St. Pierre 33°.

A great evening was had by
all. New officers and brothers
gathered in the Washington
Room for fellowship and
celebration after the meeting.



Officer Bios



J. Edward Brandon, 32°

Sovereign Prince of the
Saraiah Council Princes
of Jerusalem

It is my pleasure to introduce J. Edward Brandon, Jr. as Sovereign Prince of the Saraiah Council Princes of Jerusalem. Not only have I had the honor to serve the last year with Ed, but I also had the honor of appointing him as High Priest to the Council Line following a resignation.

Ed is no stranger, though, in serving the Valley of Indianapolis. He was previously appointed to the Adoniram Lodge of Perfection, serving from 2015 to 2018. He has also served as Assistant Master of Ceremonies for our Convocations and was later appointed as Tiler with the combined title and responsibilities of Master of Ceremonies for Convocations prior to his appointment into Saraiah Council Princes of Jerusalem.

Ed was raised as a Master Mason on November 11, 2013 in Monroe Lodge No. 22 and served as Master in 2017. He and his family reside in Bloomington, Indiana where they spend time watching reruns of Little House on the Prairie and eating opossum stew. You can often hear Dueling Banjos playing in the distance from his front porch.

Please join me in congratulating Ed, as I look forward to his next two years as Sovereign Prince.

By Jarett Hill, 32°



L. Thomas Cooper, 32°

Most Wise Master
of the Indianapolis Chapter
of Rose Croix

We welcome L. Thomas (Tom) Cooper, or, as my wife Diana calls him, "Young Tom," as the 71st Most Wise Master of the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix.

After years of participating in many of the degrees in various Craft performances, Ill. Don Reynolds, 33°, recognized Tom as a dedicated and devoted Scottish Rite brother and appointed him into the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix as Captain of the Guard. That was over 10 years ago. Since then, Tom has served the Valley in many ways and on many different committees.

During his early years of employment, Tom, who works in the financial world as a civilian base auditor, was stationed in Washington, D.C. Tom's dedication to the Valley came through clearly. While based in D.C., he traveled the world auditing American Military bases. Tom often flew back to Indianapolis, at his own expense, numerous times to attend degree practices and convocations. Tom was very dedicated to the Brother to Brother calling team in 2020 and 2021 during the pandemic, making several hundred calls each year.

Approximately 6 months ago, he and Ed Brandon came up with the idea of revitalizing the Members Room. The two of them have created a space for members to socialize and enjoy each other's company regularly prior to and after stated meetings and other events.

Tom and his father Steve Cooper have worked ritual for many years together and hopefully will enjoy the next 2 years as Most Wise Master and Orator, respectively, during the 18th Degree and Cathedral hour. Tom, all your brothers are supportive and wish you the best during your tenure as Most Wise Master of the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix.

By Mathew Bryant, 32°



Sam Davis, 32°

Saraiah Council Princes
of Jerusalem
Master of Entrances

Sam Davis is my appointment to Saraiah Council Princes of Jerusalem. He is Master of Entrances.

Sam was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on August 31, 2015. His home lodge is Excelsior Lodge 261 in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is also a member of Pentalpha Lodge 564 in Indianapolis. Sam is the sitting Junior Warden for Pentalpha.

Sam has been very involved with the Valley of Indianapolis since he became a member. He has helped with degree work, has worked with the Tiler Committee, and has worked with the Assistant Master of Ceremonies committee.

When not busy with Masonic work, Sam's profession is working with Duke Energy as one of their engineers. Sam's hobbies are hiking and fly fishing.

By J. Edward Brandon, 32°



Jarrett Hill, 32°

Saraiah Council Princes
of Jerusalem
Past Sovereign Prince

When Jarrett asked me if I would be interested in joining the officer line of Saraiah Council Princes of Jerusalem, I was honored to say "yes", because Jarrett is a great leader and mentor. Being asked to step into the second in line, I knew that it was going to be baptism by fire; but Jarrett has always made himself available to me to help answer any questions that I might have.

During Jarrett's time of being an officer at the Valley of Indianapolis, he not only was a leader, but he also married his wonderful wife, Noel, in March of 2018. Jarrett was then juggling the start of a new family, but also kept his obligations as an officer to the Valley. Jarrett was an officer starting with his appointment by Ill. Steve Taylor 33° by the commendation of Mike Dempsey 32°, MSA in 2016.

Jarrett has not only been a busy officer, but has appeared in many of the degrees and murder mysteries and has assisted with stage productions at the Valley. When Jarrett asked me to step in line, I said as long as he stays active and continues to be a mentor to me. In Jarrett fashion, he said that he was not going anywhere!!! He now serves on the Hospitality and Convocation Committees.

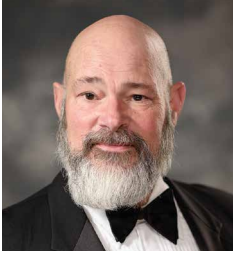
In December, Jarrett and Noel welcomed their daughter, Josie, to the family- and what a blessing she is! As she grows older, she will come to realize that she has more uncles than any other child on the planet!

Jarrett has also had one constant person in his corner pushing him and being there to support him in a way that only his mom, Brenda, is able to do.

I am not only honored to call Jarrett my brother, but also a very close friend!

By J. Edward Brandon, 32°

Fall 2023 & Spring 2024 Candidates



Dave Arell



Michael Arnold



Steve Arnold



Aidan Bennett



Connor Bennett



Noah Bennett



Scot Burns



Todd Clayton



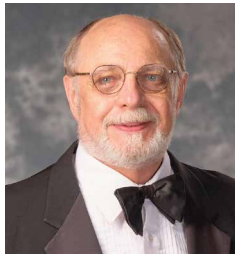
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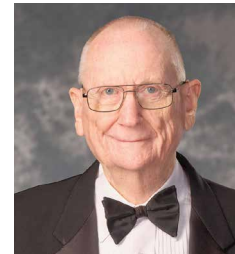
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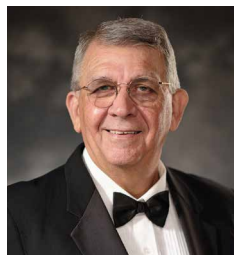
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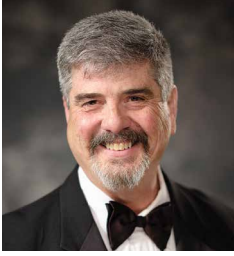


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David McClung

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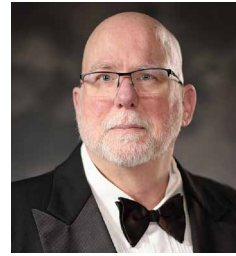
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Kevin Mook



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Philip Pardue



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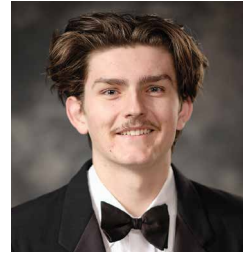
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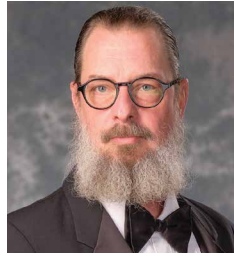
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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUL

NO STATED MEETING
July

JUL
THURSDAY
04

ANNUAL COOKOUT AND FIREWORKS
Thursday, July 4
Scottish Rite Cathedral
6:00 pm

AUG
SATURDAY
03

**RITE ON THE ROAD
NEW CASTLE LODGE #91**
Saturday, August 3
New Castle, IN
9:00 am

AUG

NO STATED MEETING
August

SEP
WEDNESDAY
04

STATED MEETING
Wednesday, September 4
Scottish Rite Cathedral
7:00 pm - No Degree

SEP
FRIDAY
06

BEAN DINNER AND CELEBRATION
Guest Speaker – Howard Kellman
The voice of the Indianapolis Indians
Friday, September 6
Scottish Rite Cathedral
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

OCT
WEDNESDAY
02

STATED MEETING
Wednesday, October 2
Scottish Rite Cathedral
7:00 pm - Historic 4th Degree - Live

OCT
FRIDAY
06

**RITE ON THE ROAD
HOPE LODGE #150**
Friday, October 6
Hope, IN
Time - TBD

OCT
SUNDAY
27

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY
Sunday, October 27
Scottish Rite Cathedral - Grand Hall
Time - TBD



NOV
WEDNESDAY
06

STATED MEETING
Wednesday, November 6
Scottish Rite Cathedral
7:00 pm - No Degree

NOV
FRIDAY
08

FALL CONVENTION (DAY 1)
Friday, November 8
Scottish Rite Cathedral
5:00 pm - 4th & 18th Degrees

NOV
SATURDAY
09

FALL CONVENTION (DAY 2)
Saturday, November 9
Scottish Rite Cathedral
8:00 am - 4th, 7th, 16th, 20, 12° & 32° Degrees

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