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From the Northeast Corner

How to be Un-Masonic Without Fear of Being Expelled

Tom Fallis, 33° – Executive Director

The *Indiana Blue Book of Masonic Law* is filled with rules that govern us all as Masons. One can be brought up on charges, tried, and have sentence pronounced on a Mason for violating these rules. These rules have been put in place to govern Masons into walking uprightly before God and man. These rules help to change behaviors that have become commonplace in our daily lives. One additional rule should be added to the Blue Book and enforced: The penalty of ignoring deadlines.

Lodge secretaries and planners of ceremonies and events will completely understand what I am about to address:

IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO PLAN FOR THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES AT AN EVENT BASED ON AN EDUCATED GUESS. RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES ARE REQUESTED FOR A REASON.

Most Masons adhere to these requests, but some ignore this completely. Some Masons are guilty of four things:

1. They wait until the very last minute to make their reservations.
2. They miss the deadline, call with an excuse, and expect us to roll over and make exceptions for them.
3. They don't respond and simply show up, expecting us to make room because, in many cases, "Don't you know who I am?" comes into play.
4. They make a reservation and don't show up because "it was free anyhow and I got busy." This didn't cost that person anything, but the organization was on the hook for paying for that "free to me" meal.

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

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

<https://scottishritenmj.org/login>

If you have any questions please contact Tom Fallis at: tom@aasr-indy.org

I am writing this tongue-in-cheek, but it really hits home. I am suggesting that you live your Masonic life according to the rules of the organization. The only time that it is acceptable to be un-Masonic is when it comes to hitting deadlines. In this one and only case, it is OK to be UN-MASONIC!

ON THE COVER

Alter for 32° located in auditorium

(Photo by Tyler D. Whittaker 32°, Captain of the Guard of the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix)

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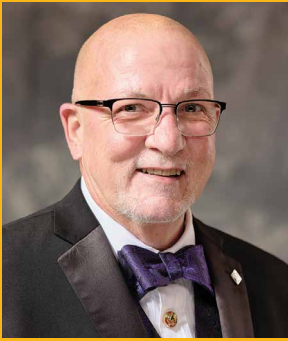
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A Review of the New Year

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Brothers, the Cathedral has had a very busy winter!

January

By the time you read this article, we will have celebrated New Year's Eve Great Gatsby style. This was the first time in over 20 years that we hosted a New Year's Eve event. People dressed in period attire, we had period cocktails, and music.



February

February, we celebrated the loves of our lives with our annual Sweetheart Dinner and Dance in the beautiful ballroom of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. All enjoyed a beautiful meal, great music, and wonderful fellowship. Thanks to all our brothers from Murat Shrine for helping to make the dance a great event!.



March

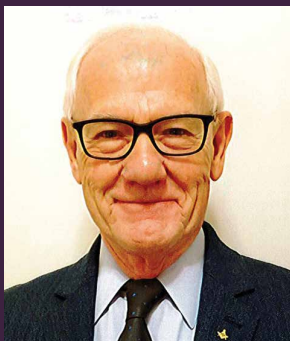
March, we turned to the luck of the Irish for a St. Patrick's dinner and dance, featuring the traditional foods of corned beef and cabbage, roasted potatoes, and carrots. Music was provided by one of our own, Samuel Lawson, and we had a surprise visit from The Murat Highlanders pipe and drum.

April

April 12th we are assisting Murat Shrine with the Easter egg hunt at Compass Park. On May 3rd several brothers will be taking a pilgrimage back to Cincinnati to attend what will be their last Spring Convocation in their current building. We will be taking a bus. This is a free trip, but you must register by April 11th. Please watch your email for an Eventbrite registration.

Brothers, you have asked for more activities. We as officers are planning activities for each month. Come back, get active, and rekindle friendships.





Did you ever wonder... Who can be a Tutor?

James R. Keating, 33°

Several times each year there are stories about the Children's Dyslexia Center that appear in the Double Eagle. They provide a narrative to explain what we do in the Center in our very own Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis. You have probably read some of these articles. They relate the exciting things the Center does to help children overcome the problems related to dyslexia, a reading problem that afflicts about 20% of everyone in our nation today. Yes, 1/5 of us have some difficulty with dyslexia. Unfortunately, for some the problems are truly serious, even devastating. They are "very serious" limitations that inhibit the ability to work with the written word. Of course, it can be a problem for adults trying to work in their chosen careers. For children, dyslexia can be even worse. What, if anything, can be done.

Fortunately, there are ways for students to make great improvements in their reading skills. It takes effort and practice, but students can learn to be much more effective readers when presented with a proven and effective technique.

The Children's Dyslexia Center employs the Orton-Gillingham method. Our tutors are trained to use it and their competence is certified at the end of their training. Additionally, they are paid for their work. That is to say...our tutors are professionals who are fully qualified to provide the tutoring the children need. We are very proud of that fact! You might ask...how does a person become a tutor and what is involved? Obviously, the tutors are very dedicated people, but dedication alone is not enough.

First of all, a tutor applicant must have a college bachelor's degree. It does not need to be in education and could be in any field of study such as business, nursing, liberal arts, for example. The potential tutor would undergo a standard background check which guarantees that everyone working with children is safe to do so.

Furthermore, the applicant does not need to be familiar with the Orton-Gillingham method of teaching. That is because when tutors are accepted into the program they will complete a training



program to certify they are competent in using this multi-sensory method. This involves class work, 90 hours in the classroom, completed at the Center at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. It includes a practicum as well. Tutors work under supervision to learn how to address the needs of the children. In this way they learn how the system works in the “real world.” Then the trained tutors go forward working with students, again under supervision, in order to complete the practical experience they will need to be certified. This involves 100 hours of work with students, done here at the Children's Dyslexia Center. **Note this: training is provided by the Center without cost to the applicant, except possibly for some books and supplies.**

So you might ask. What do tutor trainees think about the program and what do the tutors think about the job? It's a good question and one that the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction recently studied in detail. During this last year 98% of all trainees ranked the training as being of very high or high value and 93% said they would recommend the training to others who want to learn these skills.

It's no wonder the training is regarded so highly. And it is no wonder that our program is so successful. Moreover, it is fully accredited by the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council, which is known as IMSLEC. It is not easy for any Center to receive such an accreditation and keep it. It involves gathering data, reporting results, and then preparing the accreditation procedure to verify and certify the quality of the program, both in terms of training and also in terms of success with the students.

If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a tutor, please contact the Children's Dyslexia Center:

Julie Bohannon – Director
317.262.3115

(Top right) Tutor assisting student.

(Bottom right) Our tutors work with both parents and students to help the student succeed.



Knights of St. Andrew Present \$1000 Check to Dyslexia Center



James R. Keating, 33°

The Children's Dyslexia Center depends on the help of people and organizations that want to work to help young people overcome educational difficulties. In the case of the CDC it is to help them overcome reading problems that result from dyslexia. Individual people who help the center include hundreds of Scottish Rite members who add a donation to their annual membership. There are also many members of Masonic Lodges and the Eastern Star who donate to the Center. There are sponsors who contribute by way of matching funds and by offering gifts to help the Center help the children.

Recently a particular donor made the point of giving a special donation to the Children's Dyslexia Center. This organization is the Knights of St. Andrew here at the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite.

The KSA is a Scottish Rite organization made up of members who work to provide service to the Valley. The Valley calendar of events gives this description of the work they do. They are involved in service to the "...Valley in various capacities, including hosting events, providing support to committees, the dramatic department, valley officers, and promoting and supporting our charities."

One of the charities they support is the Children's Dyslexia Center which helps students who struggle with dyslexia. About 20% of the population struggles with some degree of

dyslexia, a reading problem that can be so harmful to children in school. Dyslexia is a fairly common problem, but it is not often diagnosed or remediated. Therefore, many children struggle in their studies and face many social and social problems. Luckily, with specially trained tutors our center here at the Scottish Rite is able to help the students. This is a truly Masonic charity that helps students become better readers and more successful students. And fortunately for our Center, the KSA is one of the organizations that supports the work.

Of course we need funding to make our center work. It isn't free to help the young people in our community. We have normal business expenses to pay each month including rent, supply costs, and especially pay for our professionally trained tutors who work with the children. This is why the Children's Dyslexia Center is proud to accept the support of the KSA devoted to service right here in the community.

To the Knights of St. Andrew, and to all who donate to our program, the Children's Dyslexia Center says a heart-felt

THANK YOU!

We could not do what we do without you.

The Knights of St. Andrew present a check to Carl Culmann, PGM, Board Member (3rd from left) and Dirk Rader, Dyslexia Center Board Chair, (3rd from right). The check will be used to support the operations of the Center.





Inaugural Valley of Indianapolis Brothers of the Rite Ceremony

Bob Heuchan, 32°
Membership Development Committee

On the morning of Saturday, February 1, 2025, the initial ceremony of Brothers of the Rite (BOR) for the Valley of Indianapolis took place at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. In attendance were a total of 20 Brothers, representing Lodges from Hancock, Howard, Johnson, Marion and Monroe Counties. They were treated to a most unusual (as well as entertaining) initiation ceremony, followed by refreshments and sandwiches.

The purpose of forming Brothers of the Rite Clubs in our Valley is two- fold:

- 1) provide additional opportunities for Scottish Rite members to enhance their Scottish Rite experience**
- 2) support Blue Lodges and members of the fraternity. Once initiated, Club members pay no dues, nor have any officers. Clubs consist of Scottish Rite brethren from, but not limited to, communities in which they may reside, areas of interest, from their own Lodge or jointly with other Lodges.**

Clubs are to adopt a name which has a tie to one of the 29 Scottish Rite Degrees. Each Club is encouraged conduct meetings on a quarterly basis at a location outside of a Lodge (restaurant, pub or sporting event, for example) and to take part in a community service activity once a year (such as a wheel chair push, clean-up, fund-raiser, etc).



It is anticipated that the next Brothers of the Rite ceremony will take place at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on a Saturday morning in August of this year. Stay tuned for updates.

The Brothers of the Rite program is administered by the Valley Membership Development Committee. If you have an interest in being part of the Brothers of the Rite, you may contact:

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Theater is the Art of Looking at Ourselves

Justin Nichols 32°

Master of Ceremonies, Indiana Consistory S.P.R.S.

One of my favorite aspects of being a member in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Indianapolis Valley is participating in degree work. There are multiple reasons why this activity is dear to my heart. As an individual who grew up acting in school plays and productions all the way through college, I was immediately drawn to the opportunity to land a speaking role in our degree work. Starting with small speaking or even non-speaking parts, I have now become a regular in many of our degrees. Performing has always given me a personal sense of accomplishment that comes with putting time and energy into something.

Another reason I enjoy being involved with our degrees is the camaraderie built among the brothers during rehearsal and performance. Often the degree and production team rehearse for 3-4 weeks in advance of performance. This time together helps ensure we are prepared to provide an impactful and meaningful depiction of the degree for the membership. It also gives the brothers in rehearsal time for fellowship. We get to know each other better and in a smaller group format, lending to easy conversation and mutual respect to

develop. After all, brotherhood is unity and togetherness. Participants in degree work illustrate symbolism and values through allegory to members.

It is a very rewarding experience to be able to share what our Fraternity stands for through degree performance. While acting in our degrees may not be the outlet to engage in for all brothers, I highly recommend trying it before you decide for yourself. Some of our degrees have multiple non-speaking roles which will give you a low stress opportunity to try it out.

If you have any interest in learning how to become involved in any component of degree work whether that is a speaking role, non-speaking part, or even stage crew and production behind the scenes, reach out to one of the officers or our Theater Director, Matthew Lowe. Without our ceremonial degrees to portray our Scottish Rite values and symbolism, the fraternity would have fewer opportunities for self-reflection and challenging ourselves to be better men. Look at yourself, is our theater for you?

Cast for a Scottish Rite Degree.





A Walk in the Woods

Randy Seipel, 33° MSA -
Director of Fraternal Development

Recently I made a visit to Millersville Lodge 126 on the northeast side of Indianapolis. The brothers of Millersville meet weekly for stated meetings, ritual work, education, and fellowship. I was asked to visit and make a presentation on our Scottish Rite Cathedral and our ongoing campaign to repair and refurbish the art glass windows in the south lounge, library, and stairwells.

The lodge had a good turnout. After dinner I was invited to speak. I began with a brief history of the Cathedral, the history that Millersville has had in the success of our Valley, and the many members and valley officers and leaders their lodge has supplied.

I spoke about the beauty of the Cathedral and compared a visit to our beautiful home with a long walk in a forest. I emphasized that each of us could take a walk in the same forest but emerge with a different impression. While one might be struck by the towering oak trees, another may recall the beauty of the birds singing. Another may be inspired by a babbling stream running its course through the forest. Our Cathedral is much like that forest. For some, it may be the beautiful woodwork, the pipe organ, the marble columns, or the art glass. We each see it and feel it with our own eyes, minds, and hearts.

We are blessed with our Cathedral and the many brothers and lodges who support her. I am pleased to say that the campaign for the art glass windows is going well. Of the 22 windows in the south lounge and library, we have seven and a half windows available for sponsors. The blue lodge windows in the stairwells are also available for sponsorship. Individual brothers, lodges, and partners have been generous in their support. It is much appreciated!

The cost to sponsor a full window is \$6500, a half window sponsorship is \$3250. If you are interested in sponsoring a window or half window or making a general donation to the campaign, please contact me in the Cathedral office.

Please take a moment to review the list of our current partners in this campaign and thank them when you have a chance.



Brotherly Love stained glass window.

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Dr. John Warren's Medical Trunk

Stacey Fraser

Assistant Curator, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library

This leather and wood trunk decorated with brass studs is thought to have belonged to Dr. John Warren (1753-1815) of Massachusetts. Its side handles and manageable size (11-7/8" x 13-1/2" x 24-1/2") made it both portable and practical. Through the service of its dynamic owner, this trunk may have seen military action during the American Revolutionary War.

Born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, Dr. John Warren was the younger brother of Dr. Joseph Warren, whose death at the Battle of Bunker Hill made him a martyr to the Patriot cause. John Warren studied medicine at Harvard, graduating in 1771. He became a surgeon with a militia commanded by Colonel Timothy Pickering (1745-1829) in 1772 and in that capacity, responded to the Lexington Alarm in April 1775.

In 1775, Warren was practicing medicine in Salem, Massachusetts. He traveled with his unit to the various battles in which he was involved. Like many Massachusetts militia members who were called out for the Lexington Alarm, Warren remained in the Boston area into the month of May. Warren likely brought his own medical supplies with him when he traveled. He owned two amputation kits. Based on the dimensions of these amputation kits, both items could have been carried inside this trunk.

By June 1775, Warren had returned home to Salem and received news of the start of the Battle of Bunker Hill. He hurried to Cambridge in the early hours of the following morning to treat wounded soldiers. At the same time, Warren fretted about his brother Joseph who had fought in the battle. At one point, Warren left the medical area in Cambridge and went to Bunker Hill to find his brother, asking any and all soldiers he

encountered about Joseph's whereabouts. One of these was a British sentry, and Warren received a bayonet wound to his side in response to his inquiry. Unfortunately, Joseph "fell on the field," as John later wrote in his diary.

His fervor for the Patriot cause and his brother's death motivated Warren. According to Sibley's *Harvard Graduates*, "He enjoyed helping repulse the raid at Lechmere Point, and, case in hand [emphasis mine], took his post on Cobble Hill at night hoping for another Bunker Hill." The "case" mentioned was likely a medical case, possibly this trunk. Cobble Hill was a colonist-fortified hill in Charlestown with an excellent view of Boston Harbor. Warren may have carried his medical supplies in this trunk during the early days of the Revolutionary War when the action was focused in Massachusetts.

It is also possible that Warren brought this trunk with him when the action moved away from Massachusetts. The nascent Continental Army struggled to provide uniforms, firearms, and other supplies to its soldiers. Warren's medical tools and supplies would have been highly valued and were likely brought with him when he left for New York in May 1776, after the British evacuated from Boston.

Warren later served as Surgeon General of army hospitals in Long Island, New York and Bethlehem, New Jersey in 1776. In the latter location, he—and possibly this trunk—saw action at the Battles of Trenton and Princeton. Warren also participated in the 1778 Rhode Island campaign, perhaps due to his marriage the previous year to Abigail Collins (1760-1832), daughter of Rhode Island Governor John Collins (1717-1795).

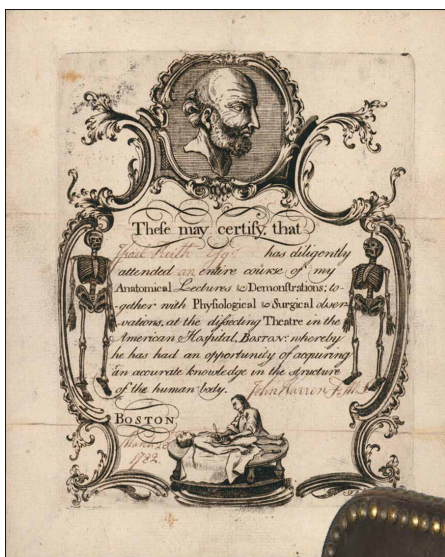


(Above photo) Portrait of John Warren by Rembrandt Peale c. 1805-1815 - oil on canvas - The Harvard Art Museum.

(Left photo) Certificate of attendance at Dr. John Warren's course of Anatomical Lectures, engraving by Paul Revere: courtesy of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

(Bottom photo) Trunk, 1770-1815. Loaned by the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, GL2004.2055. Photograph by David Bohl.

Dr. John Warren was a knowledgeable and dedicated surgeon, who put his medical skills to use in service of the American cause. This trunk, both substantial enough to hold needed medical supplies and portable enough to carry into battle, is an apt symbol of his service. Warren's trunk will be on view at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library beginning in April 2025, part of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's newest gallery exhibition, "Protest & Promise: The American Revolution in Lexington."



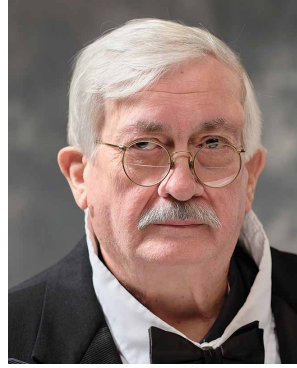
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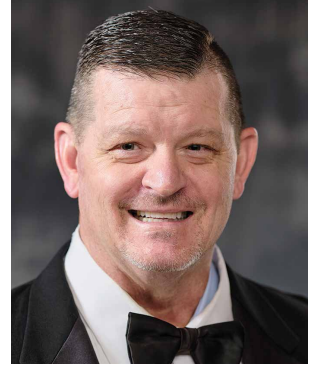
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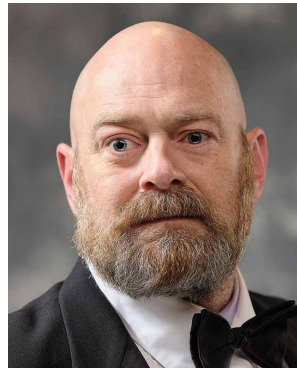
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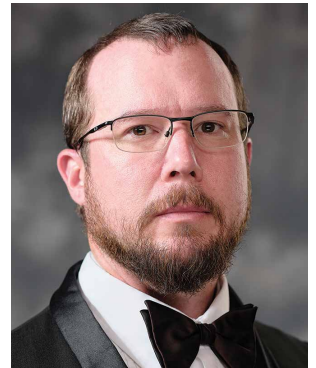
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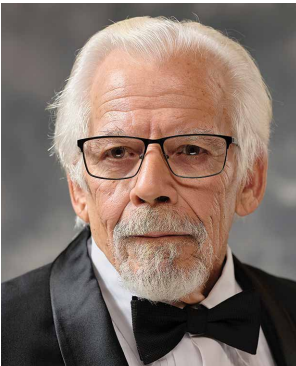
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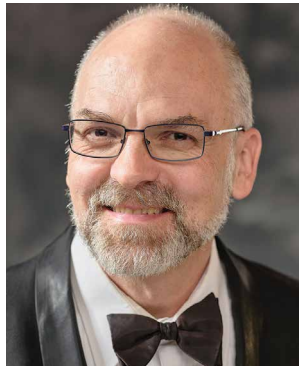
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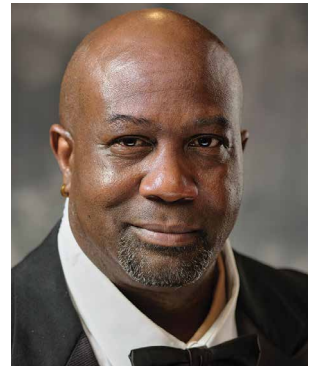
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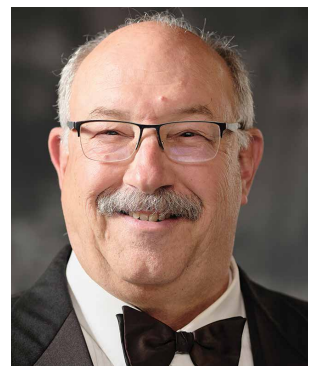
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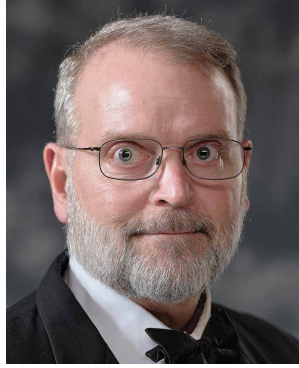
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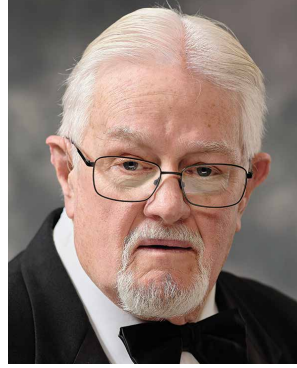
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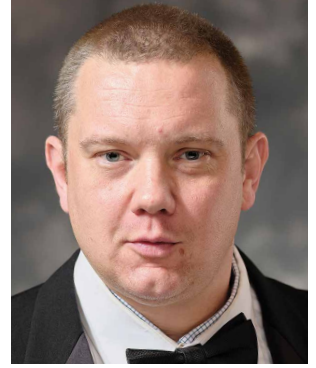
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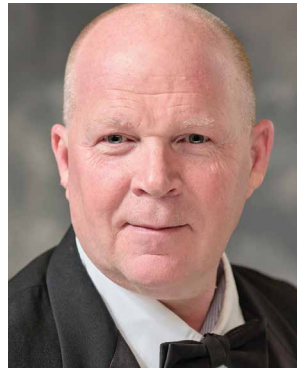
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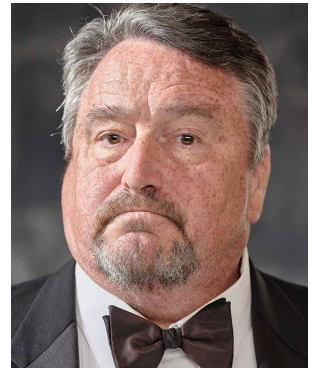
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Share Your Stories With Us

Daniel L. Purkey, 32°
Deputy Master,
Adoniram Lodge of Perfection

Have you ever wanted to be a published author? Now is your chance, Brother!

One of the many benefits of the Indianapolis Valley is our very own quarterly Double Eagle Magazine. We want to hear your thoughts on Masonry and anything to do with the Scottish Rite.

How does the Scottish Rite and Masonry effect your life? What is your favorite memory at the Cathedral? What is your favorite lesson learned in our degrees at our annual reunions and convocations?

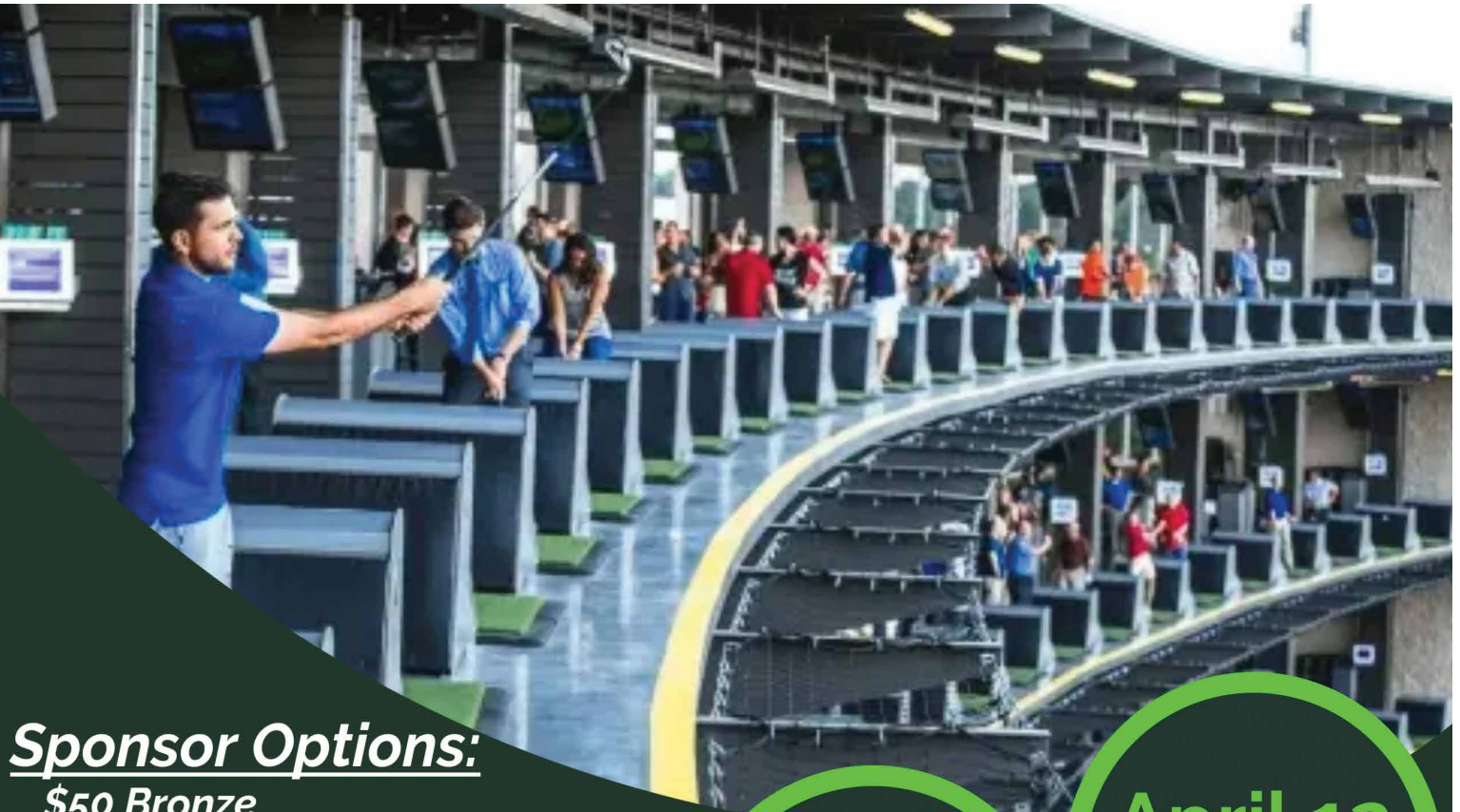
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April 12

1:00 - 4:00

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Back 9 Golf, 1215 Drover St., Indianapolis, IN 46221

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Questions? Email info@indianademolay.org to register or use the QR code above.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APR
WEDNESDAY
02

STATED MEETING

Wednesday, April 2
Scottish Rite Cathedral

7:00 pm - No Degree

APR
FRIDAY
04

SPRING CONVOCATION

Friday, April 4
Scottish Rite Cathedral

Degrees: 4° and 18°

APR
SATURDAY
05

SPRING CONVOCATION

Saturday, April 5
Scottish Rite Cathedral

Degrees: 4°, 10°, 14°, 26° and 32°

APR
SUNDAY
13

EASTER CATHEDRAL HOUR

Sunday, April 13
Scottish Rite Cathedral

3:00 pm

MAY
WEDNESDAY
01

STATED MEETING

Wednesday, May 1
Scottish Rite Cathedral

7:00 pm
Officer Elections – No Degree

MAY
SUNDAY
04

ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, May 4
Scottish Rite Cathedral

3:00 pm

MAY
TUES-WED
14-15

GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 14-15
Scottish Rite Cathedral

JUN
WEDNESDAY
04

STATED MEETING

Wednesday, June 4
Scottish Rite Cathedral

7:00 pm

JUN
FRI-SAT
13-14

COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

Friday & Saturday, June 13-14
French Lick

JUL
FRIDAY
04

ANNUAL COOKOUT AND FIREWORKS

Friday, July 4
Scottish Rite Cathedral

6:00 pm

NO STATED MEETING

July or August

AUG
FRI-TUE
23-26

SUPREME COUNCIL

Friday, Aug. 23 thru Tuesday, Aug. 26
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Additional Scottish Rite Fraternal news and events can be found at: aasr-indy.org