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SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL



From the Northeast Corner  
**Getting Back to  
 the Basics**

**Tom Fallis, 33° – Executive Director**

“We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills its Masonic obligation to care for its members”, is the Mission Statement of the Scottish Rite, NMJ. It appears to be very specific, but it is as broad as it is long.

As we knelt at the altar of Freemasonry, we “swore” to many things, but a brother’s welfare was at the top of my list. When I think back on what I obligated myself to do and not do, caring for my brothers and their families comes to my mind first and foremost.

As we enter this holiday season, we need to be more aware of those brothers who need our help and support during what can be a very difficult time of year. Recently, several of our Scottish Rite brothers have lost their spouses. I can relate to how they are feeling. The memories of past holidays flood my mind: the food, the decorations, the people, and, most of all, the love in the room. We cling to those memories, hoping to relive them, even though we know things will never be the same as they were years ago, we can lock ourselves away from the world, or we can start to make new memories.

We all know at least one brother who will be alone this season. If you have room at your table, please set an extra place for them. If they cannot get out, then a text, phone call, or visit might be the perfect gift.

The only constant in life is change, but not all change is positive. The best part of change is that it can be changed. This positive change can start with us. The best gift that we can give ourselves is the joy of

knowing that you have reached down and helped a brother out of their despair. You can bring joy back to those who thought that they could never be happy again. Of the three tenets of Masonry, there is no doubt in my mind why Brotherly Love is listed first. I am reminded of a line from the Entered Apprentice degree where we are told that when associated together, Masons seek each other’s welfare equally with their own.

**Wishing you all the best  
 this holiday season.**

**ON THE COVER**

Beautiful sunset view of the west side of the Cathedral.

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# What Does the Future Hold?

Randy Seipel, 33° MSA -  
Director of Fraternal Development

In our journey through masonry, we consistently look back in time for valued lessons and allegories to build that temple within the heart of man. Many life lessons can be learned by looking back at the great men who shaped our craft, the traditions they created, the stories they told, and the lives they lived. Sometimes, however, we look back and often lament how things were, how they used to be, and say, "That's not the way we did it," or "That's not how it's been done in the past."

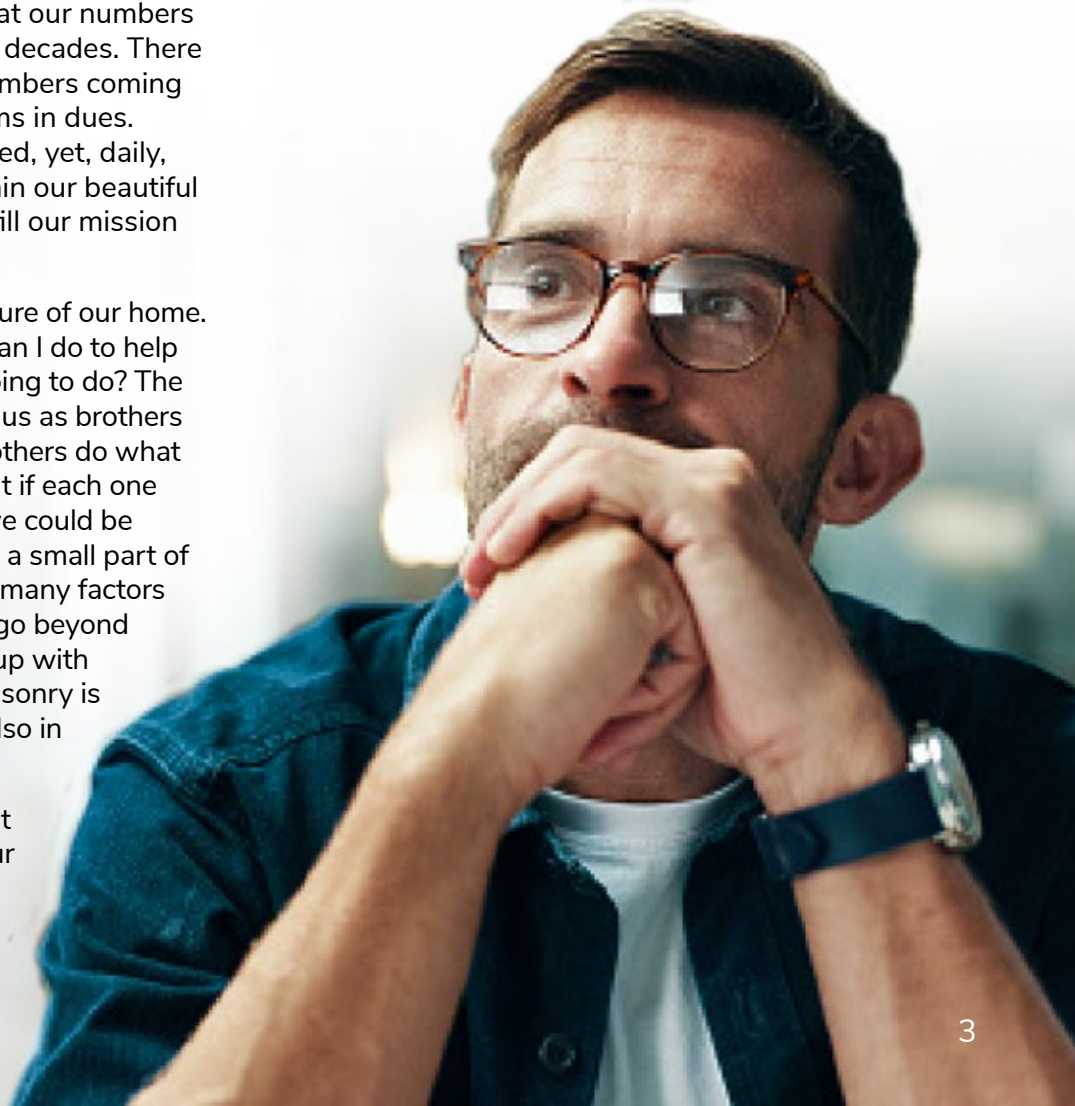
Many changes have taken place in our beloved fraternity over the last several decades. While we are still a live, active fraternity that offers so much to our brothers, we are all aware that our numbers have declined over the past several decades. There is not an endless supply of new members coming through the doors, paying large sums in dues. Budgets are cut, resources are limited, yet, daily, we all do the best we can to maintain our beautiful Cathedral and our Valley and to fulfill our mission as Scottish Rite Masons.

The time has come to look to the future of our home. We each must ask ourselves what can I do to help instead of asking what are "they" going to do? The responsibility falls upon each one of us as brothers and members. Some can do much, others do what they can; that is the nature of life, but if each one of us truly does do what they can, we could be unstoppable. Paying our dues is just a small part of the picture of our success; there are many factors we must consider in the future that go beyond paying dues, and we have not kept up with inflation in any organization. Freemasonry is an investment not only in time but also in resources.

We must each ask ourselves, "What can I do to maintain the future of our home? Can I bring in more brothers to our Valley? Can I add a donation

to my dues payments? Can I join the 1927 Club or Tower Guild? Can I make a large one-time donation, or name the Cathedral Foundation in my estate planning?

I believe the future is bright for Freemasonry and Scottish Rite Freemasonry in our Valley and Cathedral, but it will take each and every one of us using our talents and resources to bring that future to fruition. Brothers, I thank every one of you for all that you do, as always. If you have questions, reach out and ask. For all 32nd Degree Masons, the time is always now.





## Opening the Center this Fall

James R. Keating, 33°



The Children's Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis began its Fall Semester this past August. The schedule is based on the one followed by public schools in the area so that students can come to the Center for lessons here after finishing work at school. Students attend our dyslexia program two afternoons or evenings per week and work with tutors an hour each time.

This year we began the year with 18 students working for success in our center here at the Cathedral. These are boys and girls who want to succeed and are working to do so. We also have a waiting list of 10, although the number sometimes rises a little above that level. For those students and their parents, it is important for them to be able to improve their reading skills as they move forward.

Naturally, we want to stress that our tutors are fully trained professionals, each of whom completed their studies and 100 hours practicum in order to be certified to work with the children. This assures that the tutors are completely qualified to work in the Orton-Gillingham method

of instruction to help students improve their reading skills. We celebrate the tutors and their dedication and determination to be successful, and our Director, Julie Bohannon, who organizes and runs the entire operation. Thanks to all of them.

### Compass Park Festival

On September 7, the Dyslexia Center participated in the Fall Festival at Compass Park in Franklin, Indiana. This wonderful Masonic Event helps all of us to share the work of the Center with everyone who attends. This year we also included a chance for visitors to purchase pies in terms of our fall pie sale fund-raiser. As you may know, we have many expenses that we have to cover to run our center and our pie sale program, along with our Bingo and other fund-raising, is an important part of what we do to help young people in our community. The Festival was a magnificent opportunity to help the Center and all of the families who are a part of this wonderful program.





W. Dirk Rader, 32°  
Dyslexia Center Board  
Member /  
Past Chair of the Board  
of Governors

### Pie Sales

We have just delivered Wicks Pies as a part of our fall fund raiser for the Dyslexia Center. What a joy it is to provide these wonderful frozen pies to those who buy them and then have the chance to enjoy tasty pies over the holiday season.

### Motor Cycle Ride

The Family Chapter and Artificers Chapter of the Indiana Widows Sons held their annual Dyslexia Ride on Sunday, July 27th. Here at the Dyslexia Center, we appreciate so much the tremendous work done by these motorcycle riders. What a job they do for us! For many years they have served to raise funds to help us pay the expenses we need to cover here at the Children’s Dyslexia Center of Indianapolis. We want to thank them sincerely. They make a difference in the lives of young people and also improve the communities in which we all live. Thank you sincerely.

### Oh...And of course, Bingo!

Don’t forget to mark your calendar. The annual Children’s Dyslexia Center Bingo will be held April 24 at the Murat Shrine. Watch for more information as we get closer to the event. As always, there will be wonderful Bingo prizes along with drawings and raffles to keep everyone excited and to help everyone have a wonderful time.

(Far Left) Annual Dyslexia Center motorcycle ride participants.

(Left) Guests enjoyin the Annual Purse Bingo event.

(Right) Recent graduate Lukis and his mother Stephanie speak at the Dyslexia Center Presentation.

## Dyslexia Center Presentation Given at Supreme Council

I want to share a proud moment with our CDC Board Members. We arranged for one of CDC-Indy students and his mother to share their CDC story at the Supreme Council Annual Meeting in front of Scottish Rite leaders from not only the 15 states in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, but also from SR leaders from all over the world.

Stephanie, and her son, Lukis, a recent graduate of our Children’s Dyslexia Center program in Indianapolis, shared a heartfelt story about the transformative impact the program has had on their lives, thanks to the dyslexia tutoring they received right here at our Indianapolis Center.

After their speech, I received the following text message from Past Grand Master Roger VanGorden: “They both did a magnificent job of telling their story, all they endured, how they found the program, and how they benefited. She also mentioned her father’s and grandfather’s involvement in the Fraternity.” I also heard from Paul St. Pierre, Deputy for Indiana, who said their speech was “PERFECT.”

Indeed, this is true. The story they shared is one that many other parents and children could relate to. The Center changes lives and gives young people an opportunity to succeed that they might not have ever had. Thanks to the presenters, our Center tutors, Center Director, and to all who support this wonderful organization.





# Living Our Obligation Through Service to Humanity

Mike Steele, 32°  
Captain of the Guard,  
Adoniram Lodge of Perfection



Service to Humanity is one of the core values of the Scottish Rite, and one doesn't have to look far to find brothers living that obligation.

Three recent examples are our own brothers from the Indianapolis Valley, Past Commander-in-Chief Matthew Lowe 33°, Past Thrice Potent Master Jim Strauss 32°, and Merrill Simmerman 32°. They were recently presented with the DeMolay Legion of Honor, one of the Highest Honors one can receive from DeMolay International.

These brothers are responsible for supporting DeMolay youth through their work within the Scottish Rite, both by providing access and assistance within the building and theater for DeMolay events, and by hosting events where DeMolay youth greatly assist the Scottish Rite. The relationship between these two organizations has

become an integral part of their operations and members' experiences. Working hand in hand as a masonic family to promote Service, Patriotism, Love, and Educational Opportunities, which develops the leaders of tomorrow.

Congratulations, Brothers Matt, Jim and Merrill! Thank you for Walking the Walk and living your obligation. You've made an enormous difference in others' lives. We all look forward to seeing what you accomplish next.

If you know a young man between the ages of 12 ad 18 who you think would benefit from self-improvement by participation in DeMolay, please reach out to one of these brothers or Brother Darien Koons, 32°.



Presentations of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.  
**(Left)** Ill. Matthew Lowe, 33°, James Strauss, 32°, and Owen Vermuelan  
**(Right)** Brother Merrill Simmerman, 32° (far right).





# Rose Croix Day: A Joint Presentation of the 17° and 18°

L. Thomas Cooper, 32°  
Most Wise Master, Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix

The Valley of Indianapolis is pleased to announce a special Rose Croix Day on Saturday, March 21, to be held at the historic Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral. In partnership with our Brothers from the Valley of Cincinnati, we will present a rare same-day conferral of the 17° and 18°, allowing attendees to experience the full depth and continuity of these profound degrees.

The day will open at 9:00 a.m. with the 4° for any candidates in attendance. The 17°, portrayed by the Valley of Cincinnati, will follow at 10:00 a.m., after which lunch will be served. The 18°, portrayed by the Valley of Indianapolis, will begin at 1:00 p.m.

## Experience the Full Rose Croix Journey

For those who have never witnessed these two degrees in sequence, Rose Croix Day offers a unique and unified exploration of one of Freemasonry's most meaningful narratives. Together, the 17° and 18° present a sweeping story of humanity's stubborn failure to learn from its own history, culminating in the hopeful unveiling of a New Law – a law grounded in faith, hope, and charity, meant to elevate mankind toward higher purpose and moral clarity.

This structure intentionally mirrors the exceptional experience the Valley of Indianapolis enjoyed when visiting the Valley of Cincinnati for their own Rose Croix Day. A thoughtful message delivered during lunch will again provide historical context and thematic

insight, strengthening the connection between the two degrees and enriching their meaning when viewed as a unified whole.

## Tickets and Registration

Admission for the day is \$10. Please watch for an email invitation from the Valley that includes complete ticketing and registration details.

All Brethren are warmly encouraged to attend this inspiring day of ritual, reflection, and fraternity. Whether you come to support new candidates, deepen your understanding of the Rose Croix message, or experience two beautifully rendered degrees brought together in perfect harmony, Rose Croix Day at the Indianapolis Cathedral promises to be a highlight of the year.

**We look forward to  
welcoming you on  
Saturday, March 21.**



**(Right)** Brothers L. Thomas Cooper MWM Valley of Indianapolis, Tyler Perry, MWM Valley of Cincinnati, and Tyler Whitaker participate in Rose Croix Day events.

**(Below)** Darien Koons, Matt Boswell, F. Rush Daugette, Stephen P. Cooper, MSA, L. Thomas Cooper, Tyler Whitaker, Logan P. Cooper





## “Come One, Come All” to the Newly Rejuvenated Scottish Rite Chorus

Brandon Armacost, 32°

My Brothers, by now, I hope you've had the chance to hear the Scottish Rite Chorus sing at a degree, at a Convocation, at one of our Spring and Christmas concerts, at a holiday event, or maybe in the distant past caroling around the city, or maybe even at a funeral or two.

Those splendid tenor, baritone, and bass notes are being sung by brand new created 32° members of the Valley, long-time singers, Illustrious and Meritorious Service Brothers, Valley Officers, and even moonlighting Grand Lodge Officers from time to time, many of whom have been singing together on and off for 20+ years! You may even catch the Grand Master himself up there during a Convocation or two.

On most occasions, we may only have fewer than 10 Brothers at any one time for an event. There are still close to 25 members on the roster, but we need more as the Supreme Architect of the Universe calls more and more home to be with Him in that celestial Lodge above.

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, companions, cousins, and any Masons wherever so dispersed! But even greater than these, we want to invite our extraordinary 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 to join us on stage.

Special edition ads have also gone out to the Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and Demolay youth organizations, inviting any of those young ladies and young men, along with their families and leadership, to join the cause as well.

If you know any friends or family members who enjoy singing, please assist us in spreading the word to them all this fall, winter, and year-round. While being able to hold a decent note or finding the correct 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, who 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 winter for our second half of the season on Monday, January 5th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Shapiro's Deli (808 S. Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46225) for our annual pie and coffee night.

If you or anyone you know would like to join this special group, we now practice on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from September to May at 7:00 p.m., and 5th Mondays when the calendar allows.

Please get in touch with me if you would like any other information or to join our one-of-a-kind group.

Brandon Armacost – (317) 294-690  
barmacost@gmail.com

### **Sing on!**

**“One of the best things about being a Scottish Rite Chorus member was the relationships I developed with brothers, that without singing, I wouldn't have ever met or got to know.”**

III. John W. Duncan, 33° - 42-year member, Retired  
November 3rd, 1941 - November 7th, 2021



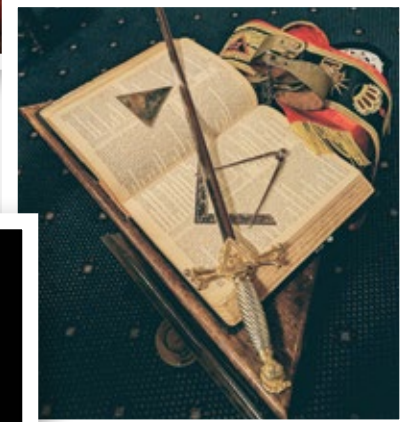
# 2025 Fall Convocation & Orientation

J. Edward Brandon, 32°  
Sovereign Prince of the  
Saraiah Council Princes  
of Jerusalem



Fall Convocation was held on November 14th and 15th. We had a class of 30 new members. We started Friday afternoon with the video of the 4th degree, followed by Rose Croix performing the 18th degree live. Most Wise Master, Tom Cooper, and his officers set a very high bar for the rest of the weekend. We were all back at the Rite early Saturday morning. We saw a total of 6 degrees throughout the day. We finished the weekend with the new members relaxing in the Washington Room, where fellowship was had.

We set the new member orientation for the following Friday. Fifteen new members participated. We served pizza, had fellowship, and a scavenger hunt throughout the building so that the new members would become comfortable with the building.



**(Top Right)** Ill. Paul St. Pierre, 33° Deputy of the State of Indiana, and Ill. Paul C. Page, 33° at the 2025 Fall Convocation Class, named after Ill. Michael R. St Pierre, 33° and Ill. Paul C. Page, 33°.

**(Right)** 13th Degree performance

**(Far Right)** Alter for 32°

**(Bottom)** 2025 Fall Convocation Class relaxing in the auditorium.



# Interview with a Scottish Rite Member

Mike Steele, 32°  
Captain of the Guard,  
Adoniram Lodge of Perfection



Grant Smith, 32°

For this edition in our continued Question & Answer series, I interviewed Brother Grant Smith, a very active member in both his blue lodge and the Scottish Rite. Grant is very excited about his journey thus far, and it shows. He was raised on November 12, 2022, and has been a Scottish Rite member since April of 2023. Grant belongs to Pentalpha #564 and the Dwight L. Smith Lodge of Research U.D. Grant is a software engineer by trade, happily married for 26 years, and has one adult child.

His hobbies include traveling, gaming of all sorts (video games, tabletop role-playing games like Dungeons & Dragons, board games, card games, etc.), and the Indianapolis Colts. You might find Grant jamming to The Elders while munching on a breakfast burrito, his favorite. I've found Grant to be a very friendly guy, always eager to discuss various topics and make new friends. Say hi to brother Grant the next time you see him.

## Q&A session with Grant

### **How do you actively participate in the Scottish Rite and its activities?**

Primarily, I've made it a point to attend as many of our Valley's stated meetings as I can, as well as our reunions. I also try to take advantage of the many opportunities our Valley offers for fellowship.

### **What are your thoughts on the Scottish Rite degrees?**

I find many of them contain valuable lessons, and I like the modern take the NMJ has given them. That being said, I do enjoy the older degrees as well, and I appreciate that, as a Scottish Rite Mason, I can visit the SJ and see their degrees.

### **Are you continuing to learn and grow in your Scottish Rite journey?**

I am! I'm currently (slowly) working my way through the HGA program in the NMJ and the Master Craftsmen program in the SJ.

### **How has the Scottish Rite influenced your personal development?**

For one thing, the Scottish Rite is one of the biggest reasons I became a Mason. I was immediately struck by the beauty of the Scottish Rite Cathedral here in Indianapolis the first time I encountered it, and I subsequently looked it up when I got home to find out which religious organization had built such a beautiful edifice. Of course, it was no religion, but Masonry.

### **How do you see yourself contributing to the Scottish Rite in the future?**

I hope to become an active member of the Knights of St. Andrew to volunteer my time and abilities in service to the Rite and the cathedral. Additionally, I hope to find time to get involved in the degree ceremonies.

### **Are you an active member in your Blue Lodge?**

I am; I'm currently Junior Warden of my Craft Lodge and, as such, a member of our Executive Committee. I am also a mentor in my Lodge, and I just started up a study group for the Illumination Program offered by the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

### **How do you balance your Scottish Rite activities with your Blue Lodge membership and other commitments?**

This is a difficult one, but I try to stick to a simple priority: commitments to my family, faith, vocation, Craft Lodge, and then Scottish Rite, when there's a conflict. This is by no means because I consider the Rite to be the least important, but simply because I consider Craft Lodge to be the root of my Masonry and, thus, the priority. Fortunately for me, I rarely experience conflicts.

### **What Scottish Rite activities or events do you find most engaging and why?**

I think we all really love the reunions. Additionally, I'm finding the TNR watch parties we're doing this summer to be fantastic excuses to spend time at the cathedral with brethren. I also really enjoy our yearly 4th of July cookout; it's the one thing I can convince my wife to come out for.

### **What suggestions do you have for increasing attendance and involvement in meetings and other activities?**

Tom Cooper and I spoke about a gaming club. Speaking with other brothers anecdotally, I think there would be a ton of interest if we put something together, and if we opened it up to all Master Masons, it might even be a great way to bring new brothers into the Rite. I think similar groups for other interests might have similar success.

### **What are your thoughts on the use of technology to engage members, and how could it be used more effectively?**

I think the more we use technology, the more appealing we'll be to younger generations. I'm a Gen Xer, so I'm comfortable living in the old analog world, but I also am quite happy having technology at my fingertips. The generations that came after

mine don't know life without technology, and I think one of Masonry's biggest challenges is accommodating that fact. While they could never replace the potent experience of in-person events, I think having virtual gatherings and meeting spaces, like what the NMJ has done with the TNR seasons, is the direction we need to continue to move in.

### **How does the Scottish Rite foster stronger bonds of brotherhood and fellowship among members?**

I think that the organization as a whole has a strong program with its reunions, and at the Indianapolis Valley specifically, I think including degrees at many of the stated meetings drags people out of the house. I think that having our member lounge available after many of our events, where we can gather and talk in a less formal setting, is fantastic.

### **What do you value most about your Scottish Rite membership?**

I don't really have a good answer for this, as I value it all so much. However, I'm very proud to be part of our Valley, to look upon our truly marvelous Cathedral, and to know that it is my home and that I have so many wonderful brothers there with me.

### **How has your Scottish Rite membership enhanced your understanding of Masonic philosophy and history?**

The Scottish Rite degrees provide deep dives into the lessons and philosophy that are so condensed and packed into the Craft Lodge degrees that it often takes many viewings and conferrals to begin to comprehend them. It's allowed me to take in these concepts more fully, as well as to learn additional moral and philosophical lessons that really bring those Craft Lodge teachings home and point me toward further points of interest.

*(Continued on page 12)*

# Interview with Scottish Rite Member Grant Smith (cont.)

## **What opportunities has the Scottish Rite provided for you to serve your community and practice charity?**

Obviously, our CDC is a fantastic way to help our community, as are the rest of our charities. I happily give to them as frequently as I'm able. Also, I love that our Valley has partnered with Keep Indy Beautiful, and though I had to miss the last volunteer day for that program due to illness, I look forward to happily volunteering my time to it in the future.

## **What are your thoughts on the relationship between the Scottish Rite and Blue Lodge Masonry?**

There would be no Scottish Rite without Craft Masonry. As such, I think the moves the NMJ has made over the last several years to help the Grand Lodges and Craft Lodges succeed are smart and benefit all involved. I believe that the partnership should continue and that all Scottish Rite Masons should be reminded that the Craft Lodge shouldn't be forgotten or left behind.

## **How can the Scottish Rite better attract and retain younger members?**

As noted previously, I think technology is a big part of it. The more modern we can be, the more attractive we will be to younger men. Additionally, I think a lot of what the Indianapolis Valley is already doing is a massive leap in the right direction because we all know that so many younger men are struggling with loneliness. The Valley is really doing a great job on these fantastic fellowship events that give men the chance to get together and socialize.

## **What role models or mentors have influenced your Scottish Rite journey?**

Shamus Driver, James Buckhorn, and Bob Plank are three that come to mind immediately because

they helped bring me into Masonry and Scottish Rite Masonry and continue to be important men in my life, but, honestly, there are so many I could fill a book. So many of the officers, past and present, as well as the rank-and-file membership, are great men doing great work within the organization, and being part of it, or even a mere observer, is always a learning experience.

## **What advice would you offer to new Scottish Rite Members?**

Take a deep breath and drink from that firehose! I think diving in and getting involved is well worth the investment in time and dues. I highly recommend at least one pass of the Pathfinder program. Travel and see degrees everywhere you can. If you really want to get into the research side of things, definitely look into the HGA.

## **How can more members be encouraged to take on leadership roles within the Scottish Rite?**

From my perspective, knowing which positions are available and need to be filled would be a good start. I think it would behoove us as an organization to publish that information somewhere and point people to it, much like the Grand Lodge of Indiana has a section of its website devoted to officer roles and responsibilities.

## **What opportunities are available for members to develop leadership skills within the Scottish Rite?**

One such opportunity I stumbled onto by accident is the quarterly leadership webinar put on by the Supreme Council. It's completely free to tune in and, as far as I'm aware, open to all members. They feature reports and guest speakers and are a fantastic resource. And, of course, there are those joining the officer line or pursuing a degree. I'm sure there are many others I'm not even aware of.

# William Drettler's Masonic Register

By Sarah Shepherd, Archivist,  
Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library

(Below) Masonic register for William Drettler, 1931. New York, New York. Museum purchase, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, A2025-024-001.

The recently opened in October 2025 exhibition in the library reading room, titled 2025 Recent Acquisitions at the Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives, highlights several unique items. One object on view, a 1931 Masonic register for William Drettler, gives a glimpse into one man's Masonic experience and his Jewish background. A commemorative record rather than an official membership certificate, this document incorporates Masonic symbols and a Star of David.

William Drettler (1902-1998) was a Jewish Austrian immigrant, a Mason, and a police officer in New York City. He immigrated from Austria to New York City in 1920 on the ship Leopoldina and petitioned for naturalization on May 27, 1925. He was involved with Jewish community life in New York City, joining the Shomrim Society, an organization for Jewish members of the New York Police Department, and Armistice Lodge No. 1008, in 1931, which had a predominantly

Jewish membership. Though there were no exclusively Jewish lodges, Jewish Masons would often join the same lodges, either because of being excluded from some lodges due to antisemitism or a desire for community, resulting in certain lodges with predominantly Jewish memberships. Established in 1924, Armistice Lodge No. 1008 grew quickly. It numbered over 300 members by the time Drettler took his degrees.

Drettler married Jean Blaustein on June 8, 1935, and they had a son, Stephen, in 1939. William Drettler died on June 8, 1998, and is buried in Montefiore Cemetery, a Jewish cemetery in Queens, New York. He and his wife were buried within the Shomrim Society plot at the cemetery.

Come see the certificate and other newly acquired items in the Van Gorden-Williams Library & Archives through April 3, 2026. This article was originally published on the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library's blog. **Visit [srmml.org/blog](http://srmml.org/blog) to read more!**





# Christmas at the Cathedral

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

## Visit the Scottish Rite Cathedral for the Holidays.

We have the building decorated like nothing you have ever seen before. From now until December 30th, come and see your beautiful Cathedral and all of the beautifully decorated Christmas trees!





Calling All Professional,  
Car & Shower Time Singers!

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# Join the Scottish Rite Chorus

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Christmas and Spring Concerts  
Caroling, Convocations  
Funeral Honors  
Easter Cathedral Hour



## Annual Pie & Coffee Night

Monday - January 5, 2026

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Shapiro's Deli

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## Practices

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1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays

September thru May at 7:00 pm





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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## WESTERN WINTER GALA

Friday, January 2  
Scottish Rite Cathedral

6:00 pm



JAN  
THURSDAY  
**29**

## RITE ON THE ROAD

Thursday, January 29  
St. Johns Masonic Lodge #20  
Columbus, Indiana

6:00 pm

JAN  
WEDNESDAY  
**07**

## STATED MEETING

Wednesday, January 7  
Scottish Rite Cathedral

6:00 pm - 4th Degree  
7:00 pm - 5th Degree & Video

FEB  
WEDNESDAY  
**04**

## STATED MEETING

Wednesday, February 4  
Scottish Rite Cathedral

6:00 pm - 4th Degree  
7:00 pm - 16th Degree Live

FEB  
SATURDAY  
**14**

## SWEETHEART DINNER & DANCE

Saturday, February 14  
Scottish Rite Cathedral

6:00 pm

MAR  
WEDNESDAY  
**04**

## STATED MEETING TABLE LODGE

Wednesday, March 4  
Scottish Rite Cathedral

6:30 pm

MAR  
SATURDAY  
**21**

## ROSE CROIX DAY

Saturday, March 21  
Scottish Rite Cathedral

9:00 am - 17th & 18th Degrees Live

APR  
WEDNESDAY  
**01**

## STATED MEETING

Wednesday, April 1  
Scottish Rite Cathedral

6:00 pm - 26th Degree Live

APR  
FRIDAY  
**24**

## DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

Friday, April 24  
Murat Shrine

5:00 pm - Mixer / Dinner  
6:30 pm - Bingo / Raffle / Prizes  
Online tickets - or at the door

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