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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tea for 400

### An Afternoon of Tea, Fashion, & More - Saturday, May 8

The Tea and Fashion Show is being presented to help raise funds for the Scottish Rite Learning Center, where children with dyslexia are learning to become more successful and confident students through after-school tutoring, provided at no-charge to their families.

What a wonderful opportunity to visit the historic and beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral and treat a mother/friend in your life to a tea luncheon and fashion show including a Silent Auction.

Cost is \$30 per person and reservations are required by April 25<sup>th</sup> by calling Donna at 317-262-3100 ext 228 or e-mail at [dcofer@aastr-indy.org](mailto:dcofer@aastr-indy.org).

•9-12:30 - Market Place opens on the Mezzanine for shopping with three times the vendors as last year. Relax with a sip of tea or coffee and overlook the lovely decorated tables.



*Hosted by Suzie Hancock (barely peaking around the geraniums), this joyous table had a lot of fun with ladies Lisa Hanna, Betty St Pierre, Barb Lewis, Audrey Spyr, Debbie Proctor, Vicki Franklin, and Sally Jo Elliott. Last year's event raised over \$13,000 for the 32nd Degree Children's Learning Center.*

•10:30 - 12:30 – Silent Auction begins on the Banquet Hall with Vicky Murphy, WFMS 95.5 returning as our celebrity announcer followed by the Scottish Rite men in black tuxedos serving the luncheon.

•1:15 – Fashion Show by Kohls. Catering: Thomas Caterers of Distinction Luncheon Waiters:

The Men of the Scottish Rite  
*Share this very special afternoon with your mother or friends.*

## How to Build a Membership

# Degree Conferrals Strengthen Membership

The Valley of Indianapolis has been busy with degree work over the last several months. Shortly after the November Convocation, the dramatic department and Saraiah Council was busy preparing for presentation of the 15<sup>th</sup> degree at the December stated meeting. Throughout January several members of the Valley participated in the filming of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree in the Cathedral as part of the overall Supreme Council project to put this degree in a DVD format to make it easier for Valleys to display. The Knights of St. Andrew rehearsed for the presentation of the 29<sup>th</sup> degree as part of the February 6<sup>th</sup> Bridges Program at the Valley of Cincinnati, which unfortunately could not be conferred due to weather conditions. Officers and cast traveled to Seymour on February 20<sup>th</sup> to confer several degrees on candidates in that area and there was also preparation for the 7<sup>th</sup> degree performance after the March stated meeting.

A huge thanks to Hugh Burns and the entire dramatic department for their work in planning and executing these events. As we participate in degrees to exemplify the teachings of the Fraternity, perhaps it is a good time to offer a reminder as to why we became members and what motivates members to commit so much precious time to serving Freemasonry. There were several positive comments received on this list of **10 Reasons to Become a Mason** in an issue of the *Double Eagle* several years ago and so they are offered again for your study.

- Masonry is a place to spend time with good men who will make you want to become a better man.
- Masonry is a place where moral virtue is taught and respected as the cornerstone of life.
- Masonry is a place where the spiritual growth of every member can rise to its fullest potential.
- Masonry is a place to become better prepared for service to your family, your church and your community.
- Masonry is a place where you can be part of a great fraternity that believes in Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.
- Masonry is a place where you can support others and give them encouragement as well as receive it yourself.
- Masonry is a place where outstanding individuals from every walk of life will greet you and call you "Brother."
- Masonry is a place to meet community leaders and take an active part in community activities.
- Masonry is a place where you will find unlimited opportunity to acquire leadership experience, self-development and personal growth.
- Masonry is a place where you can be sure every man is a true and trustworthy friend.



I invite you to share this list with a friend and personally invite him to participate in upcoming opportunities for membership at the Grand Master's One Day Class on March 27<sup>th</sup> or the Spring Convocation and Reunion on April 15-17.

*Jeffrey K. Saunders*  
Executive Director

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Our annual Community Day luncheon was hosted by the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis Foundation and held on January 21, 2010. Each year the Foundation distributes grants to community and Masonic organizations in support of their work.



## Abbott Scholarships

The deadline for receiving applications for college scholarships is April 1, 2010. The Abbott Scholarships are named for Leon M Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council from 1921 to 1932. Allocations are made to each Valley on the basis on participation in the annual “blue envelope” appeal and the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis Foundation provides additional scholarship funds, making the total available to



Valley affiliated applicants of \$34,000. Eligibility requirements include the following:

- A currently enrolled sophomore, junior or senior at an accredited college or university.
- A minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- A child or grandchild of a member of the Valley of Indianapolis.

The following are also eligible:

- A member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity - Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- A graduate of the Indianapolis 32nd degree Masonic Learning Center for Children.

Call Donna Cofer in the Valley office for applications or download an application at [www.supremecouncil.org](http://www.supremecouncil.org)

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# How Many 'Friends' Do You Have?

Spring is the time of year I most enjoy. It seems to me that everything comes to life after a long winter. The grass becomes green, trees blossom and flowers grow. It could be said that life itself begins anew.



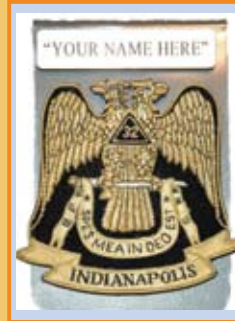
*Richard D. Swell*  
**Director Membership Services**

My suggestion to each of you is simply this: Isn't it time you began anew with your Scottish Rite? It is said the Scottish Rite is a journey of a lifetime. I invite you to return for the Spring Convocation/Reunion, to reunite in one place with your Brothers. To view once again the beauty and pageantry of the degrees and refresh your memory of the valuable moral lessons they teach. I am confident you will renew some old friendships and quite possibly find a new friend along the way.

The Ill Robert E Hancock, Jr, 33° and Ill Herbert A Newman, 33° Class will be held on April 15, 16, & 17, 2010. A full complement of degrees will be offered with three Lodge of Perfection degrees on Thursday evening, the Council and Rose Croix degrees on Friday evening and five Consistory degrees on Saturday.

If your Scottish Rite journey has taken a detour, please accept this personal invitation to witness the degrees which emphasize all Masonic principles. Those principles are the essences of the human qualities of life, of family and of spiritual meaning that will enrich your life's journey.

## Order your Personalized 32° or 33° Name Badge



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# April 15-17 Convocation & Reunion

honoring Ill Robert E Hancock, Jr, 33° and Ill Herbert A Newman, 33° Class

<u>Adoniram Lodge of Perfection Degrees</u>		<u>Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix Degrees</u>	
Thursday 6:30 pm	Oath of Fealty	Friday 8 pm	18° Knight of the Rose Croix
	4° Master Traveler	<u>Indiana Consistory Degrees</u>	
	13° Master of the Ninth Arch	Saturday 9:30 am	19° Grand Pontiff
	14° Grand Elect Mason		24° Brother of the Forest
		11:30 pm	Lunch
<u>Saraiah Council of Princes of Jerusalem Degrees</u>		1 pm	20° Master ad Vitum
Friday 6:30 pm	Dinner & 16° Prince of Jerusalem (conferred in the Banquet Hall)		31° Knight Aspirant
	15° Knight of the East		32° Sublime Prince Royal Secret

**Volunteer to help the Make-up and Chorus departments!**

## 500 Festival Parade

**Saturday, May 29 – 12 noon.** The Scottish Rite is again offering reserved seats on the Meridian Street steps for its members for the annual 500 Festival Parade. Tickets are \$20 per person and include a reserved parking spot in the West lot, reserved seating, and a box lunch and drink. Limit of 6 tickets per member. Take advantage of this great opportunity to see all the floats, bands, and drivers from your very own seat. Rest room facilities within the Cathedral will be available. This year we have added a new bleacher section.



**Now Sold Out!**

## Orchestra & Chorus

On **Sunday, May 9 at 3 pm**, join us for a Chorus Concert featuring the Scottish Rite Chorus and the Murat Shrine Chanters. **FREE** to all members and their guests.

## Feast of Paschal Lamb

*by Tim Hopewell, MSA, Most Wise Master*

For over sixty years, the Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix has honored those members of the Valley of Indianapolis who have gone to their eternal rest during the preceding twelve months through its annual observance of the Easter Cathedral Hour. This memorial service was traditionally held on Easter Sunday, although in recent years it had been observed the evening of Holy Saturday.

On Sunday, March 28, the Rose Croix observed the Feast of the Paschal Lamb that was open to the public. While this ceremony has been presented for many years in other Scottish Rite Valleys, this was its first time being presented within the Valley of Indianapolis. This change was made to try something that has never before been attempted in the Valley and because this Feast is the official memorial service in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. It is traditionally observed on or near Palm Sunday.

It is important to note that the Feast of the Paschal Lamb is neither the Feast of the Passover nor the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, although it commemorates both holy days. The ordinance establishing this beautiful and symbolic service dates back to the Old Testament narrative, "And this day shall be unto you a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations."

## Learning Center Graduate Excels

Kristyn struggled in school from an early age and was eventually diagnosed with Dyslexia. Until she was accepted at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Masonic Learning Center, Kristyn was tutored for several summers by teachers who used various teaching methods. She attended the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Masonic Learning Center for two years and graduated just before entering high school.



At Cardinal Ritter High School, Kristyn was a four-year varsity athlete in soccer, swimming, and softball. She graduated from Cardinal Ritter High School in May of 2008 and is in her second year at Butler University where she plays women's club soccer, and is the swim club vice president and the club's representative to the Student Government Association. Kristyn's major is Middle Secondary Social Studies Education; she plans to teach high school history, government, and sociology.

This is the type of success story we are starting to hear about from our graduates who are entering the adult phase of their life. The Indianapolis Valley's Center is making a huge impact on teen's lives. Can you help by reading and prayerfully considering becoming a volunteer?

## Tutors Needed

Are you a school teacher and interested in helping children learn to read? Do you have students in your own class room who struggle on a daily basis with their work? Are you retired with extra free time and would like to get involved in our Learning Center? The Indianapolis Masonic Learning Center has openings available for tutors (men and women) and if you are interested or know a teacher who has a passion for helping children, this would be a great opportunity. We tutor students twice a week for one hour each session using the Orton-Gillingham approach and will be offering a course on this methodology May 4 through July 22, 2010 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The prerequisite for the class is a Bachelor's Degree.

*If you would like to make a huge difference in the life of a child, please contact Lisa Hofmann at 317-262-3115 or [director@indylearningcenter.org](mailto:director@indylearningcenter.org).*

## A Word With You



# April Fool's Day History

Since you are receiving this issue close to April 1, naturally I Googled "April Fool's Day" to find out whether it has some traditional, hidden or even spurious religious etymology.



It doesn't, really, unless you want to count the fact that in 1582 Pope Gregory XIII declared in force the new Gregorian Calendar which, throughout the Holy Roman Empire, standardized January 1 as the start of the new

year instead of at the end of March. This replaced the old Julian Calendar and the big joke was to fool people into thinking April 1 was still the start of the New Year. A tradition was born.

Ha ha. But seriously, much of the Western world already had January 1 as New Year's.

**Pope Gregory XIII declared his new calendar to start the New Year on April 1.**

Still, maybe today is a good day to contemplate the foolish things we do in our faith; the things we do that make us take our focus off our relationship with Christ.

Non-foolishness is to understand one thing: it's all about Him, Jesus Christ. When we focus on anything but Him, we very quickly start counting deeds, and when we count deeds, our human nature insists we keep score, and when we keep score ... well, it gets foolish.

I don't know how one can possibly keep score against God.

Christians in the same pews of the same churches will wrestle mightily over definitions of Bible words, over which version of the Bible is best, over how the Spirit comes and goes and resides, over which songs to sing and how to sing them, over communion practice, over worshipping with dance, over table decorations at the ladies' retreat, over the inextricability of salvation (can you lose it?), who is called

to be saved, who is going to Heaven, who is going to Hell, whether Genesis 1-2-3 can possibly be accurate ...

The list is not necessarily foolish, but beside the point. The point is, fighting about this stuff is foolish. Christ loves each of us in our uniqueness, so anything that prevents us from loving other

believers in their uniqueness seems, well, foolish. Shall we endeavor to discern the truth? Of course; lies are Satan's weapon. But keep it about Jesus, not about keeping score. That's the wise thing to do.

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*Walters (rlwcom@aol.com) thinks judgment is one of the great gifts God gives any of us. We just need to not try to do God's job for Him.*



*Brother Bob Walters is a member of Millersville Lodge No 126 and a Christian lay person who as a youth grew up in the Episcopal church, became a journalist and public relations executive while taking a 30-year "break" from religion, and now writes, edits, serves and occasionally teaches as a baptized believer in Christ since the fall of 2001. His column, published Tuesdays in the weekly "Current! in Carmel" newspaper and available at [www.believerbob.blogspot.com](http://www.believerbob.blogspot.com), is an independent spiritual opinion, story or lesson from a Christian perspective, meant sincerely and with love and usually without apologies to secular convention.*

## Brother Leads Bible Study

Reverend Jonathan T Basile, Senior Pastor of Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ, is a Scottish Rite brother who is leading a Bible study in the Capehart Room of the Valley on the first Thursday of every month. Meet for lunch at noon and study starts at 12:30 pm. (There will not be a class on April 1<sup>st</sup> due to Maundy Thursday.) The study is an expository study of different books of the Bible and they are currently studying 1 Corinthians. The Bible study is open to all. You may contact Jonathan at 317-639-5411 or [pastor@zioneucc.org](mailto:pastor@zioneucc.org).



## Through the Cathedral Window

# Fascination with British Royalty

Americans have always been fascinated with Britain's royalty and nobility; but ever wonder what all those titles mean?

The British royal family is like other families, made up of spouses, children, grandchildren, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins. The head of the British royal family is Queen Elizabeth II, and she is the one who decides who are bona fide members of the family and what titles they will carry.

A duke is the highest rank you can achieve without being a king or a prince. Historically a duke is a high-ranking nobleman, land-owner or a prince, and in feudal times was the lord over part of the country. Today the titles are largely symbolic and there are 28 dukedoms. Some people (like Prince Charles) have several dukedoms and some dukedoms are unassigned. When a duke who does not have an heir dies, the title returns to the royal family to be given out to someone new.

Not everyone who carries the title duke or earl is a member of today's royal family. Britain has a system of peerage, which ranks members of the nobility and aristocracy. Many titles of nobility were won many years ago through great wealth, favors to the king or good deeds and are passed on from one generation to the next. This is known as the inherited peerage. For example, Earl Spencer, the brother of the late Diana, Princess of Wales, is the ninth man in his family to carry that title. Before he became Earl Spencer (note that the practice is to drop the "of") upon the death of his father, he was known as Charles Spencer or as Viscount Althorp, a title that his son, Louis, now carries.

Other noble titles are given on merit or on special occasions. The life peerage are titles that the monarch confers on exceptional people during their lifetimes, and those titles do not pass to children or descendants. Margaret Thatcher, the former prime minister of Britain, is now Baroness Thatcher. The British prime minister consults with the queen about who is deserving of a life peerage, and

several people are elevated to the peerage every year. Life peers get a seat in the House of Lords, but a law passed in 1999 limits the right of hereditary peers to have a seat.

The order of the titles in British Isles nobility from highest to lowest are:



\* Duke (and duchess): The name is derived from the Latin dux, which means leader.

\* Marquess or marquis (and marchioness): This title appeared in England with the Norman conquest and was given to nobles who were in charge of border areas or a frontier.

\* Earl (and countess): The name comes from a Norse word, jarl, which meant leader. It is equivalent to a count in European nobility.

\* Viscount (and viscountess): Pronounced VI-count, this title derives from the Latin comes for a companion and was sort of an assistant nobleman in the old days.

\* Baron (and baroness): The lowest rank of nobility came to England with the Normans. If you have a life peerage this is the highest title you can carry.

\* Baronet: This title is granted to members of the upper classes, referred to as the gentry. King James I created the title to raise money.

\* Knight: In medieval times, knights were the soldiers of the king or of princes. Now, the queen grants knighthood to her subjects who have achieved great success in their professions. Paul McCartney, the former Beatle, has been knighted. The female equivalent is dame.

\* Esquire: In medieval times, an esquire was a candidate for knighthood. Nowadays, it is applied to members of the gentry just below knights.

Well, what does all this have to do with Scottish Rite Masonry? We are all Princes. . . Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. What *is* the Royal Secret? Convocation is on April 17<sup>th</sup> - come and find out what the secret is and how it will make you a better man.