



Scottish Rite Bulletin

THIRTY SECONDS for THIRTY SECONDS

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“THE VALLEY OF TERRE HAUTE”

NOVEMBER 2005

FUND RAISER PLAY

“Over the River and through the Woods”

“Over the River and Through the Woods” is a comedy about a grandson who for 29 years has gone to his grandparents every Sunday for dinner. Now he has a job offer in Seattle, Washington and the grandparents, who live in New Jersey, do everything possible, including fixing him up with a girl, to keep him from going. There is a surprise ending.

This is a top notch cast who is donating their time and talent to do this fund raiser for the Valley of Terre Haute. They even let our own organist Jerry Burns play the part of one of the grandfathers. Tickets will be \$10.00 in advance or available at the door. Curtain time will be 8:00PM both Friday, December 2, 2005 and Saturday, December 3, 2005.

All proceeds go to the Valley of Terre Haute. We hope to see you there.

Jerry!

“THE ROBE”

WE ARE PLANNING A PERFORMANCE OF THE “ROBE”

IF YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY ARE INTERESTED IN A PART WHETHER IT BE A SPEAKING OR NON-SPEAKING PART, COME TO OUR ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON:

**DEC. 16TH, FRIDAY - 7:00 P.M.
AT THE SCOTTISH RITE**

MARK YOUR CALANDERS

Sinfonettia November 13, 3:00 p.m.
Appreciation Dinner November 15
Brazil Band November, 20, 3:00 p.m.
Play “over the River” December, 2, 3, 4,
Feast of the Pascal Lamb April 9, 3:00 p.m.
Spring Convocation April 21, 22, 28, 29

WINTER OFFICE HOURS

8:30 - 4:00 Monday - Thursday
 Out to Lunch 12:00 - 1:00

FOUR MEMBERS OF THE VALLEY NOMINATED TO RECEIVE THE 33RD DEGREE

AT THIS YEARS ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE HELD IN GRAND RAPIDS THE FOLLOWING BROTHERS WERE NOMINATED TO RECEIVE THE 33RD DEGREE AT NEXT YEARS ANNUAL MEETING IN AUGUST 2006.

ROBERT BENSINGER OF TERRE HAUTE, PAST MASTER OF PIMENTO LODGE NO. 292, AND A PAST THRICE POTENT MASTER OF THE TERRE HAUTE LODGE OF PERFECTION.

MAX BROWN OF BLOOMINGDALE, PAST MASTER OF BLOOMINGDALE LODGE NO. 127, AND A PAST SOVEREIGN PRINCE OF THE SAMUEL JACKSON PRICE OF JERUSALEM.

JAMES “JEFF” PIERSON OF SHELBURN, PAST MASTER OF THE SHELBURN LODGE NO.369, AND MOST WISE MASTER OF THE HORACE E. TUNE CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX.

ROBERT RAY OF WEST TERRE HAUTE, PAST MASTER OF WEST TERRE HAUTE LODGE NO. 687, AND A PAST SOVEREIGN PRINCE OF THE SAMAUER JACKSON PRINCE OF JERUSALEM.

THE 33RD DEGREE IS AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO FREEMASONRY OR FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO HUMANITY THAT REFLECT CREDIT UPON THE FRATERNITY.

The Lighter Side

Psychiatrist: Mr. Phelps, I can say with confidence that after fifteen years of psychotherapy you are cured.

Patient: Well that’s good, I guess. But on the other hand , fifteen years ago I thought I was God, now I’m nobody.

I asked my doctor if I should have a vasectomy. He said it is best to just let sleeping dogs lie.

Patient: Doctor I was so depressed that I decided that I was going to kill myself by taking 1,000 aspirin.

Doctor: What happened?

Patient: After the first two, I felt better.

WHAT IS A SCOTTISH RITE MASON

A Scottish Rite Mason is a Blue Lodge Mason who has taken the pathway leading to an adventure in friendship. He is a Mason who sought admission because of a yearning for enlightenment and a better understanding of the fundamental issues of life. He is a Mason whose bonds of friendship have been deepened, and whose life has been made richer because of Scottish Rite experiences. Remember, you should get at least two candidates in your life time, one to replace you and one for the growth of our beloved order.

WHY THE FLAG IS FOLDED 13 TIMES

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY THE FLAG OF THE U.S. OF AMERICA IS FOLDED 13 TIMES? HERE IS THE MEANING OF EACH OF THOSE FOLDS.

THE FIRST FOLD OF OUR FLAG IS A SYMBOL OF LIFE.

THE SECOND FOLD IS A SYMBOL OF OUR BELIEF IN ETERNAL LIFE.

THE THIRD FOLD IS MADE IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE VETERANS DEPARTING OUR RANKS WHO GAVE A PORTION OF THEIR LIVES FOR THE DEFENSE OF OUR COUNTRY TO ATTAIN PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE FOURTH FOLD REPRESENTS OUR WEAKER NATURE, FOR AS AMERICAN CITIZENS TRUSTING, IT IS TO HIM WE TURN IN TIMES OF PEACE AS WELL AS IN TIME OF WAR FOR HIS DIVINE GUIDANCE.

THE FIFTH FOLD IS A TRIBUTE TO OUR COUNTRY, FOR IN THE WORDS STEPHEN DECATUR, "OUR COUNTRY, IN DEALING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES MAY SHE ALWAYS BE RIGHT; BUT IT IS STILL OUR COUNTRY, RIGHT OR WRONG."

THE SIXTH FOLD IS FOR WHERE OUR HEARTS LIE. IT IS WITH OUR HEART THAT WE PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

THE SEVENTH FOLD IS A TRIBUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES, FOR IT IS THROUGH THE ARMED FORCES THAT WE PROTECT OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FLAG AGAINST ALL HER ENEMIES, WHETHER THEY BE FOUND WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE BOUNDARIES OF OUR REPUBLIC.

THE EIGHT FOLD IS A TRIBUTE TO THE ONE WHO ENTERED INTO THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, THAT WE MIGHT SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY, AND TO HONOR MOTHER, FOR WHOM IT FLIES ON MOTHER'S DAY.

THE NINTH FOLD IS A TRIBUTE TO; FOR IT HAS BEEN THOUGHT THEIR FAITH, THEIR LOVE, LOYALTY AND DEVOTION THAT THE CHARACTER OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE MADE THIS COUNTRY GREAT HAS BEEN MOLDED.

THE TENTH FOLD IS A TRIBUTE TO THE FATHER, FOR HE, TOO, HAS GIVEN HIS SONS AND DAUGHTERS FOR THE DEFENSE OF OUR COUNTRY SINCE THEY WERE FIRST BORN.

THE ELEVENTH FOLD, IN THE EYES OF A HEBREW CITIZEN REPRESENTS THE LOWER PORTION OF THE SEAL OF KING DAVID AND KING SOLOMON, AND GLORIFIES IN THEIR EYES, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB.

THE TWELFTH FOLD, IN THE EYES OF A CHRISTIAN CITIZEN, REPRESENTS AN EMBLEM OF ETERNITY AND GLORIFIES IN THEIR EYES, GOD THE FATHER, THE SON AND HOLY SPIRIT.

THE THIRTEENTH FOLD; WHEN THE FLAG IS COMPLETELY FOLDED, THE STARS ARE UPPERMOST REMINDING US OF OUR NATION'S MOTTO, "IN GOD WE TRUST."

AFTER THE FLAG IS FOLDED AND TUCKED IN, IT TAKES ON THE APPEARANCE OF A COCKED HAT, EVER REMINDING US OF THE SOLDIERS WHO SERVED UNDER GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON, AND THE SAILORS AND MARINES WHO SERVED UNDER CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES, WHO WERE FOLLOWED BY THEIR COMRADES AND SHIPMATES IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, PRESERVING FOR US THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND FREEDOMS WE ENJOY TODAY.

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Hospitailer's Report

Brothers on the sick list:

Les Boling, 33° Lee Hofmann, MSA

Necrology:

Gary Turner Paul Fred Decker Rey E. Sturm

Joseph C. Edwards Jack L. McMullen, 33° John Layer

Albert Luken, Sr. Ira Sullivan J.W. Cooke

Please Remember these families in your prayers.

NO DEGREE HIGHER THAN MASTER MASON!

No degree higher than Master Masons.

The 32nd and 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, while larger numerically than the third Degree of Ancient Craft Masonry, cannot and does not make its fortunate possessor any more a Mason than he was when he was raised to the Sublime Degree. It may make him a better Mason, since its content is scholarly, thought provoking and educational, but a man becomes as much a Mason as he may when he takes to his heart and adopts as a rule of life the magnificent teachings of the Third Degree. What is true of the Scottish Rite Degrees is also true of those of the Royal Arch Chapter, Council and Commandery ceremonies; they amplify the Masonic Story, add to knowledge, and increase interest, but as they cannot make more complete that which is already perfect, they cannot be considered "higher" than the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Masonic Light
Ron Reagan

Don't Be Sorry You Said it

Sometimes you may blurt out something you really don't mean. But words spoken like bullets once fired can't be recalled. And they can wound. Before you say something needlessly hurtful, calm down. Count to ten. Speak with reason, not just emotion. You may want to tear up that letter instead of sending it. Reflect before you sound off. Give the urge to blast a chance to pass. Otherwise you may say something you'll regret always.