

Foundation and Theatre Newington-OnStage Ink Agreement !!!

by Brother Francis G. Way, MSA (Photo by Jen Gresh)

After long deliberations and negotiations, on March 12, 2008, the Scottish Rite Foundation and Theatre Newington-On Stage signed a lease agreement to allow TNOS, the community theater group of Newington, to use the Scottish Rite auditorium for rehearsing and for their performances.

Theatre Newington-OnStage has been performing since 1962 in Newington. However, they lost their home in the Newington Town Hall when that building was no longer up to code for their use. Homeless, they performed in Elmwood for several years, but as Bonnie Keizer, Publicity Chairperson for TNOS, said "It's hard being the Newington Community Theater when you're not actually performing *in* Newington."

On July 26 & 27, 2008, TNOS will celebrate a triumphant return to Newington when they present a contemporary family-oriented comedy, *Noodles*, for their first performance in our building. With over 40 years of solid history behind them, the folks from TNOS take their theater seriously, and have again and again expressed an appreciation for both our venue, and our willingness to give back to the community by letting them perform there. A portion of each admission will be donated to a Scottish Rite charity of the Valley's choice.

Watch the *View of the Valley* for more information on their production. Auditions for the production are on April 27 and 28 – contact Frank Way (way2go@cox.net) if you're interested.

Members of the Valley, their families are friends are all encouraged to support TNOS by attending this performance. Again, watch the *View of the Valley* for more information on tickets.



Peter Weidt, President of TNOS and John Kessler, VP Scottish Rite Foundation, sign the lease, while Mimi DePasquale (Treasurer TNOS), Frank Way, Bonnie Keizer (Publicity Chair, TNOS), and Scott Barnard (VP TNOS) look on....