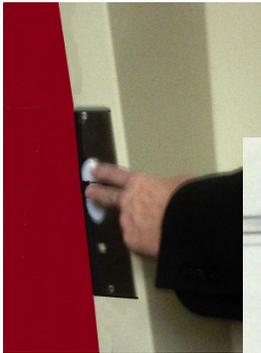
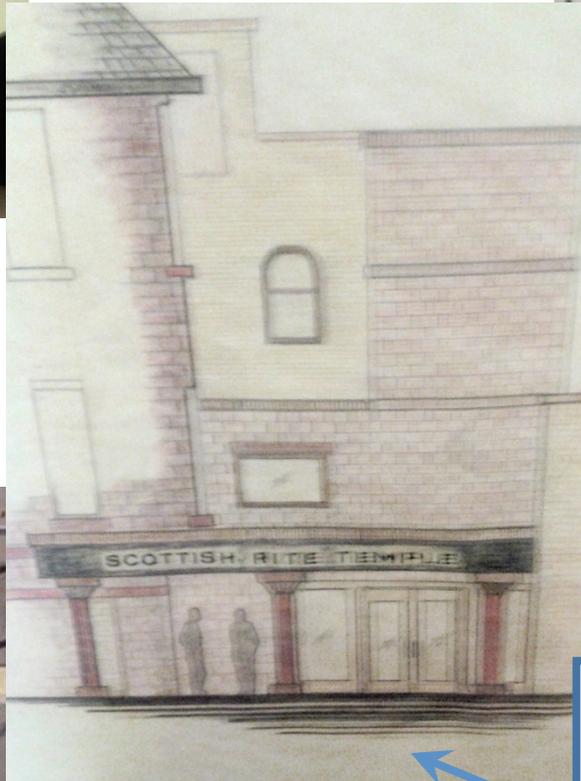




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What the New
Entrance will look like.

The elevator is coming along and we now have a lot of the inside work completed. There is still more to do and the weather hasn't helped. The project is moving along and we look forward to the renewed fellowship of Brothers who have been unable to attend due to the stairs. Now we ask our members to take a look in the mirror and see if there is not a way to make another (or maybe your first) contribution to this most important and useful addition to our fraternity.

Remember, all contributions are tax deductible 501(c) (3) and should be mailed to the Minneapolis Scottish Rite att. M. Wiley Smith 2011 Dupont Avenue South 55405. Checks should be made out to the Scottish Rite Building and Museum Foundation.

Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Ritual Corner

Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren. 2012 has come to a close and another year of degrees lies ahead in 2013. I want to extend congratulations to all the Directors, Actors, and all the other Committees that make the degrees possible. The degrees of the Fall 2012 class were outstanding. They set a high standard for our ritual work, and I look forward to more of the same excellence for the degrees of 2013. If you were not able to attend the degrees during the Fall 2012 class, I invite you to come and see the Spring 2013 degrees, to continue your education and your journey toward Masonic Light.

In each newsletter this year, Ritual Corner will highlight one of the degrees of the Scottish Rite. The 2013 degrees begin with the 4th through 14th degrees of The Lodge of Perfection. These degrees are called the Ineffable Degrees, and continue the teachings that we learn in the 3rd degree of Blue Lodge Masonry. Let us take a short look into the 4th Degree, Secret Master.

The degree of Secret Master begins our Masonic journey through the degrees of the Scottish Rite. As we read in, *Bridge to Light*, the 4th degree introduces us to one of the great lessons in all of Masonry, Duty.

“Inflexible as Fate and Exacting as Necessity, Rising with us in the morning and Watching at our pillows at night, Duty is with us always, imperative as Destiny.” (p. 16, *Bridge to Light*, 3rd Edition)

The duties of a Secret Master, taught in the 4th degree, are silence, obedience, and fidelity. In this degree we are also introduced to some important Scottish Rite symbols, such as the key of ivory, the blazing star, the great Masonic camp, and the nine Masonic virtues. These lessons and symbols lay the foundation for all the teachings and philosophies of Scottish Rite Masonry here and around the world.

I invite you to join us for the degree of Secret Master, and all of the degrees of the Spring 2013 class. Let us explore together the lessons and symbols of the Secret Master and help our new Scottish Rite Brethren continue their journey toward Masonic Light through the teachings of the degrees of the Scottish Rite.

I look forward to seeing you in 2013.

*Lee E. Kielblock, 32°
Ritual Director*



View from the East

Happy New Year! With the arrival of the New Year comes this, an inaugural column from one of the Valley's Heads of the Bodies. As the Lodge of Perfection is the first in the sequence, I get the honor of starting off the series. Since it's now 2013, make yourself a resolution to visit your Scottish Rite at least once this year. For only \$10, you get a dinner and *at least* one "play" to observe...the best-value entertainment package in town, as well as good fellowship!

Speaking of 2013, please check your dues card; if it doesn't say 2013 at the top, please send in your membership renewal today, or call the office at 612.871.1500 to make arrangements.

Now that January is upon us, a new "Spring" class begins at the Minneapolis Valley. The Lodge of Perfection (encompassing the 4th through 14th degrees) begins its work on January 3rd. Most closely related to the work of the Symbolic Lodge, the LOP degrees teach and remind us of various forms of Duty incumbent on our lives as men and Masons. Reflection and self-study are encouraged (as with ALL degrees of Masonry) as is the reminder that service to God is paramount. As Sons of Light, we have devoted ourselves to life-long pursuit of Knowledge; on behalf of the Heads of the Bodies, I encourage you to attend a "refresher course" at YOUR Scottish Rite.

Fiat Lux,

Mark Anderson

Master, Lodge of Perfection



From the Desk of the Editor

For our newspaper to expand and improve I need your assistance. If you have been thinking about or have an idea you feel would be pertinent to our fraternal organization, I ask you to please submit your thoughts. All articles submitted will be considered on their merit and pertinence to improving and edification of the brotherhood.

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Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Welcome from the Knights of St. Andrew!

We have some good news. It has been reported to us that our Minneapolis Valley KSA is the largest, most active and most successful of all KSA organizations in the Southern Jurisdiction and possibly in the whole USA! Thank you Sir Knights for your efforts!

2012 has been a busy year for our Knights. We have continued our commitment to supporting the Committee Chairmen in their service to the Scottish Rite. It is hard to find a committee that does not have a KSA member. This year, a large amount of time has been spent in helping Randy Hamborg, [KSA Emeritus], in restoring our temple to its former glory. This includes painting, cleaning and uncluttering several items that have been gathering dust. There is still more to do. We sponsored a Valley BBQ in June as a fund raiser to support our new elevator. We also participate in fun things. One example was we went to Miesville, MN and watched the "Mud Hens" play a fun game of baseball.

Restoring the pews is our long term project. Our first step was to clean the pads. This was accomplished this summer. The next step is to have the pews restored. We started in December by having two pews removed and sent out to have the wood refinished. To show our love and respect, one pew will be dedicated to our Personal Rep., James O. Burlingame, Sr. to honor him for his decades of service to the Scottish Rite and creating our "Happy Valley"!

We need your help. We invite all Lodges, groups, organizations, committees and individuals to sponsor a pew. This will include having it removed and sent out to have it totally renovated to its former glory. After 100 years, it is about due! We are in the process of designing a plaque that will honor those who sponsor a pew or to whom it is dedicated to. Expect to see a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hall when you return in January. See a member of the KSA for more information on how you can support this project.

Stay tuned for another exciting year in 2013!

Ed Morse

Excellent Master



NEWS UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY

Brothers, we need your help. Over time, many books and other materials have been checked out and we have a complete log of to whom and what was checked out. We are asking you to return these materials so we can complete the database. This will make it much easier to find items that are of interest to you. We also have some study groups that are forming and this searchable database will make things easier and simpler to find. It will also greatly aid anyone that is interested in doing any research. Upon your return of these items, they can be checked out immediately. The library staff would like to thank you in advance for your help and cooperation. Please pass the word along to your brothers that might have items in their possession.

Rite Care

RiteCare® of Minneapolis-St. Paul, which is Minneapolis based, is a local 501(c)3 non-profit organization, which endeavors to give children with speech and language disorders the opportunity to reach their full potential by providing financial grants to help families pay for speech and language therapy. You can support RiteCare® of Minneapolis-St. Paul and its role in improving the lives of children affected by speech and language disorders by making a tax deductible donation.

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