



Renewal and Remembrance Ceremony

Minneapolis Chapter of the Rose Croix will present the annual renewal and remembrance ceremony at the Scottish Rite Temple on Thursday the 14 of March at the Scottish Rite Temple.

The brethren invite the wives, children and other loved ones of our departed brethren to join with us on this occasion. Brethren this is an open event and your ladies are cordially invited to join with us.

This year we have 68 brothers who will not answer to the call of the workmen. They will be missed and this evening is to celebrate and remember in a solemn ceremony.

Reception will be held at 5:30 PM for fellowship, with beverages and snacks.

Dinner will be served at 6 PM in the dining hall. The dinner will be prepared by our resident chef, Doley Daigle of Southern Style Catering. The dinner will consist of steak, baked potato, gourmet Brussel sprouts and a salad. To be followed by a surprise dessert. Dinner is \$15 per person. Officers of the Chapter Rose Croix cordially invite all the wives of our departed brethren as their guests for the evening. The Knights of Saint Andrew have offered to provide transportation for the wives of our departed brothers.

At 7 PM, we will adjourn to the auditorium for the Renewal and Remembrance ceremony. The Venerable Master of the Minneapolis Lodge of Perfection, Mark Anderson, 33rd degree IGH is the guest speaker for the evening

Following the ceremony there will be time for reflection and respect.

RSVP by calling the office at 612-871-1500 or e-mail office@scottish-rite-mpls.org



Easter Ceremony and Breakfast

Minneapolis Chapter of the Rose Croix invites you to join us on Easter morning, Sunday, 31 March for an Easter morning ceremony of relighting the lights. The ceremony will start at 7:30 AM Easter morning. This will be followed by the traditional style free buffet. Donations are welcomed.

This is an open event for all family friends and loved ones. It is also a good opportunity to bring those friends and brothers to introduce them the Scottish Rite. Please call the office at 612-871-1500 to enable us to have an accurate count for the breakfast.

Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Property / Stage Crew

The Properties Committee/Stage Crew is responsible for the staging of the 29 degrees performed by the Minneapolis Scottish Rite. Among the many things over which we have control:

- Set up chairs and pedestals (putting covers on them as appropriate)
- Put out aprons/collars/jewels, and other items that may be used
- Get the proper drops and wings out on the stage to help set the scene
- Make changes on the floor or on the stage while the degree is being performed.

Most of our work is done behind the scenes, as we try to have the first degree set up before any of the cast members arrive for the night. Often, we only have to make changes between the degrees. We are also responsible for one degree where we make up a room within a room, to help set the mood.

Many of the members of our committee are retired, and so are able to come to the Scottish Rite mid-afternoon each Thursday degrees are performed. They can then take down properties from the previous week (if necessary), and get things ready for that evening. Accordingly, we have an early dinner so that we can complete whatever setup needs to be done before the degree, while the rest of the members and candidates have dinner.

The care and upkeep of all the props is our responsibility. A great deal of our items were created by Brothers who have gone before us, and it has been helpful when our members are able to repair or reconstruct items. We are lucky in that some of the members of our committee are good at figuring out how to build and fix things used at the Rite. Since the Supreme Council has changed how the five mandatory degrees are presented and staged, our members have been able to create new properties for these degrees.

While most of the current members of our committee are able to be present every week, there are some members who are not able to attend every week, due to other commitments. When everyone is present, it makes our scene/degree changes much easier as everyone knows where props belong on the floor, or where they should be returned when it's time to put them away. Because there are three different rooms where our properties are stored, it can take a while to know where to look for something.

Would you like to help create “theatrical magic?” Come be a part of the committee that sets the stage for all the degrees. New committee members are always welcome! It is not necessary to be there as early as some of our retired members, or have a skill to repair things; only that you have an interest in helping out, and attending when your schedule allows. Some nights we stay till the very end of the final degree of the night, as we might have to tear down the stage and floor due to other activities at the Valley before our next degree conferral.

Do you have questions on how to join our committee? Please look for one of our members before a degree or when there is a changeover of degrees. We might be a bit busy then, but would be more than happy to answer your questions after we complete preparations for the next degree.



Steve Downs, 33
Chairman



Dave Epling, 33
Co-Chairman

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!!

The Rite sound crew is in need of your help. If you have an interest in the theater but do not feel you have the where-to-for to be a performer. This is your opportunity to be part of the productions put on by your brothers. Also if you have an interest in the technical side of a sound or broadcast system we could use you. Your Rite would greatly appreciate your assistance in the preparation of and the support in the degree work as part of the sound crew. Do you have questions on how to join? Just stop someone in the crew and ask.

James O. Burlingame, 33° G.: C.:



Parking Change

Due to a traffic problem (several accidents) caused by the use of Hennepin Ave for entrance and exit of the parking lot we will be going back to using the Dupont Ave entrance.

From the Desk of the Editor

I would like to thank all those that have given of their time and talent in the submissions of articles for our paper. This is done for the edification of the body. Please keep up the good work. dshaffer@usa.com



David C. Shaffer, 32° Editor



Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Ritual Corner

This month in Ritual Corner I will highlight the 18th degree of the Chapter Rose Croix. The 15th through the 18th degree are degrees of the Chapter Rose Croix. As the Lodge of Perfection degrees continue the story introduced in the 3 Blue Lodge degrees, the Chapter Rose Croix degrees cover the time period from the destruction of King Solomon's temple through the rebuilding of the second temple. Let us take a short look into the 18th Degree, Knight of the Rose Croix.

The degree of Knight Rose Croix introduces the duties of practicing virtue that it may produce fruit, the duty of labor to eliminate vice, and the tolerance of the faith and creed of others.

In this degree we are introduced to some important Scottish Rite symbols, such as the rose, the cross, the pelican, the eagle and the pillars. These symbols when combined with the duties introduced in the degree contain important information for reflection and help instruct us how to view and conduct our dealings with the rest of humanity. The lessons of faith, hope, and charity, when combined with tolerance, help us improve as men and Masons, and help make the world a better place in which to live.

Join us for the beautiful and informative degrees of the Scottish Rite. Remember, Thursday night is Rite Night!! Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock, 32^o
Ritual Director



Chapter of Rose Croix

The Chapter of Rose Croix attempts to provide the candidate with a deeper understanding of many topics, such as ethics, morality and history.... As the candidate is presented with challenging and perhaps some would say difficult options or choices he is taught to allow his own instincts, training and education to guide him as he formulates his own interpretations. Concepts are presented, but the true beauty of the Degrees is that the candidate himself decides upon their meaning.

Men of all backgrounds, religious faiths and or creeds may be assured of a welcome at the Rite. The Chapter represents a series of Degrees that

are as rich with education as they are in pageantry. Candidates are presented with lessons that teach tolerance and mutual understanding. As we are guided by a faith in God, it naturally follows that we should attempt to emulate His example of understanding and compassion. Our efforts to bring good men together is not as some would say a weakness but to the contrary such ideology supplies the Mason with a ready supply of strength and flexibility. We may feel free to study the ideologies and faiths of others and through interaction; we learn and grow as individuals.

We live in times that are punctuated by wars and rumors of wars, brutality, famine and cruelty. Such tragedies seem to have always been with us. The advent of modern machinery, technologies and revolutionary discoveries has done little to change the world with respect to the concept of mutual understanding. Respect for the lives, cultures and ideologies of others are very much alive and well at the Scottish Rite. Yet, the lessons of Masonry and in particular the Rose Croix stand as a beacon. They stand as a haven or refuge from the intolerance of the world. As Wise Master, I feel Blessed that I may play a part in relating the lessons of inclusion, respect, tolerance, ethics and morality to groups of men who are anxious for the knowledge and humbled by the experience. Given all of the teachings that the Chapter imparts, we ask only one thing of the candidate and that is that he must think for himself as he alone will decide the path which is best for him to pursue.

John Studell-, 33^o
Wise Master,
Chapter of Rose Croix



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Calendar

Lodge

March 05 Lodge Stated
March 07 23rd, 24th Degree
March 14 Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony Feast
 Open event
March 21 25th, 26th Degree
March 28 DARK / Maundy Thursday
March 31 Easter Ceremony and Breakfast
 Open event
April 04 27th Degree
April 11,12,13 Grand Lodge Annual Communication
April 18 28th, 29th Degree
April 25 30th Degree

Red Room

DARK
Lodge of Perfection Installation/ David Epling
DARK
DeMolay/ Mark Hailer
DARK
DARK
Grand Master of Minnesota/MWB Beermann
DARK
Orient of Minnesota / SGIG Jerry Oliver
Mural Lecture (Candidate Room) / Monte Miller