



Message from the Choir

Are you looking for something to do on Thursday nights?

There is a group of great fellows who would love to have you join them! I'm talking about the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Choir. We partake in all the terminal degrees, plus a few others. We also partake in the Remembrance and Renewal program in both Minneapolis and St. Paul.

So, you can't read music, no problem! We practice enough so that you can pick up your part very easily. Come give us a try.

You'll have fun and meet a great bunch of Brothers. Come join us after supper on Thursday's up in the Choir Room.

November 2018 Necrology for Nine

Brothers lost during the past months



Howard W. Bogart died November 12, 2018

Clifford G. Lingle died November 12, 2018

Jay A. Nankivell died November 22, 2018

Mitchell Osman died November 17, 2018

E-News

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Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Ritual Corner

Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren,

Welcome to a new cycle of degrees for the Spring 2019 class. I look forward to seeing you at the degrees. There are many lessons and duties to be learned in the degrees of the Scottish Rite. Let us look ahead at the 25th degree, Knight of the Brazen Serpent.

This degree teaches us to re-invent ourselves by reformation, repentance, and enlarging our knowledge. We learn that man is composed of the flesh, the soul, and the intellect, and that man is a reflection of the Divine. Albert Pike states, "This degree is both philosophical and moral. While it teaches the necessity of reformation as well as repentance, as a means of obtaining mercy and forgiveness, it is also devoted to an explanation of the symbols of Masonry." (Morals & Dogma, pg. 435) We are taught that the rule of Evil and Darkness are temporary, and that of Light and Good will be eternal. To elaborate these teachings the degree discusses in detail 4 topics, the soul, the heavens, the serpent, and symbolism.

Join us in this journey toward Masonic Light. Come and experience the knowledge and teachings of the Scottish Rite degrees. As we go through all 29 degrees, the lesson and duties can help us all be better Men and Masons. Make your Thursday a night for Masonic education at the Scottish Rite.

Fraternally,



Knights of Saint Andrew

Fellow Knights,

It is my hope that we have all enjoyed a safe and fulfilling holiday season. And I know that you all join with me and wishing everyone in the Valley a prosperous and joyous new year!

From what we have been hearing it sounds like the class for this spring is going to be a nice size and larger



than the past few recently. So that means the Valley is certainly going to be counting on our group a little more this session to help, aid and assist. We have been fortunate to have a couple new members join from the class last spring and are in hopes that we will have more from this last fall class. What about those Brothers in this class? The KSA is a group that helps in almost any aspect required by the Valley. Helping on degree nights with greeting assisting on the dining floor as needed. Also who else needs a hand that night? Properties, lighting, sound, ritual, wardrobe.... The list goes on and you will find a current KSA member in every one of them. And don't forget the special evenings we have during the years that honor youth leadership or remembrance and renewals. Those are special for us as well as we have the opportunity to greet those friends and family and give them those guided tours of our incredible building and some fun bits of history about it and our group too.

The Knights of St. Andrew should always carry themselves with pride. Those looking to join or know more, all you have to do is ask a brother that has on a glengarry or quite possibly a kilt! I look forward to another fun class of great men and good ritual. See you at the Rite!

Brad Pohlman 32° M.:R.:S.:



Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Wardrobe & Make-Up Committee

The Wardrobe and Make-Up Committee has a long history of service to the Minneapolis Valley. The brothers who serve here often do so for many years including our two previous committee chairs.

Brother Jeff Eidem and myself are in the process of organizing our older costumes, reworking the degree and costume book and several other projects. We would love to have you stop on by to chat about any of our current or future projects.

It can be said that Masonry is a long journey and not a destination. This is definitely true of the Scottish Rite. It is, therefore, truly a shame to me when brothers go through the degrees here in the Minneapolis Valley and we seldom see them ever again. In Masonry we talk often about building a foundation. That is part of what the degrees of the Scottish Rite are—they are a foundation in which to build more growth. Few if any people build a foundation to a building and then walk away saying "This is good enough." It should be "Now we can truly start moving forward."

There are so many things one does to build upon that foundation. There are a host of committees to join, none of which will turn away any help. Not sure which committee is right for you? Try a committee out for a night or two and see if you like it! If one doesn't like it at least it gives a better understanding and appreciation of what the committee does and fuels that Masonic growth. Becoming a Master of the Royal Secret is a great thing. What one does with it determines how great a thing it is.

Brother Juniper
Committee Chair, Wardrobe and Make-Up Committee

Have an article idea for the SUN? Send your ideas to the Editor! The SUN is your newsletter and is made possible by the contributions and interests of the brothers of Minneapolis Scottish Rite.

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Letter from the Editor

Duty is with us ever; and evermore forbids us to be idle. To work with the hands or brain, according to our requirements and our capacities, to do that which lies before us to do, is more honorable than rank and title.

Albert Pike, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander, 22°,
KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL AXE OR PRINCE OF LIBANUS, *Morals & Dogma*

In the fourth quarter of the 2017 "B1G" Championship game between The Ohio State University and the University of



Wisconsin, Wisconsin had just scored a decisive touchdown that narrowed the score to 24-19 and were setting up for a 2-point conversion. The game clock was stopped. The turf had come loose in the end zone and it was up for Eric Harlow, field manager, to fix it. For ten agonizing minutes, the entire nation watched as this man went to work, rebuilding the turf with the intensity of a battle-hardened professional, fully aware of the stakes of this moment of the game.

With this New Year, I look forward to seeing the fruits of hard work manifest itself in our valley. If you have not yet found your own way to contribute, please consider looking into the various committees of our Valley. Joining in the work, just like joining in Masonry, only requires that you ask.

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Calendar

03 Jan. 4°, 5°, & 6°
08 Jan. Heads of Bodies & Stated Meeting
10 Jan. 7°, 8°, & 9°
17 Jan. 10° & 11°, Happy Hour, **Red Room Presentation**
24 Jan. 12° & 13°, KSA Meeting, **Red Room Presentation**
31 Jan. 14°, **Red Room Presentation**

05 Feb. Heads of Bodies & Stated Meeting
07 Feb. 15° & 16°
14 Feb. 17° & 18°
21 Feb. 19° & 20°, Happy Hour, **Red Room Presentation**
28 Feb. 21° & 22°, KSA Meeting, **Red Room Presentation**

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