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### Calendar / Red Room

05 Jan Stated Meeting  
Consistory Annual Meeting  
07 Jan 4°, 5°, 6°  
14 Jan 7°, 8°, 9°  
16 Jan Grand Lodge One Day to Masonry  
21 Jan 10°, 11°  
28 Jan 12°, 13° / KSA Meeting  
  
02 Feb Stated Meeting  
04 Feb 14°  
11 Feb 15°, 16°  
18 Feb 17°, 18°  
25 Feb 19°, 20° / KSA Meeting  
  
01 Mar Stated Meeting  
Lodge Annual Meeting  
03 Mar 21°, 22°  
10 Mar 23°, 24°  
17 Mar Remembrance and Renewal Feast  
24 Mar Dark - Maundy Thursday  
31 Mar 25°, 26° / KSA Meeting

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# Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

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## Chairman for the Wardrobe Committee

Illustrious Brother Tim Dixon, 33° will be stepping down as the Committee Head of the Wardrobe Committee at the end of December 2015. Brother Thomas Walker who is a member of the class of 2014 has agreed to take over as Chairman of the Wardrobe Committee. Brother Thomas has been working with Brother Tim Dixon over the past several months and will be a great addition to the committees that work so hard putting our degree work together for the new class.

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## Wanna Call a Brother?

We have a lot of older Masters of the Royal Secret who are living outstate or in assisted living facilities. In the main, they are unable to be an active member of our Valley. Over time they lose the closeness of being a Scottish Rite Mason.

The Brotherly thing to do would be to pick up the phone once in a while and see how they are doing, find out if they have any needs, or just remind them of the hundreds of Brothers who still care for them. Would you be willing to take a name or two and contact them, call them or even do the occasional visit? Seems like it might be the Brotherly thing to do. If you are interested, call Jackie or Ken at the Valley and let them know, 612-871-1500.

Thanks  
TBC

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## From the Desk of the Editor

This publication is for your edification and to help each and every one of you stay up to date with what has happened and what is going to happen in your Valley.

If you have an event or something that would be of interest to the members of the Valley, please submit it to me at [dshaffer@USA.com](mailto:dshaffer@USA.com)



David Shaffer 32° K.C.C.H.  
Editor

## What is "Light"?

When asked what we desire, we all have answered, "Light". So what is it exactly that we seek? What kind of Light do you seek? A scientist may answer: "It's a visible electromagnetic radiation", or "A packet of photons". An artist may reply: "It's a natural radiance, an illumination", or "that natural agent by which things are made visible, and hence, beautiful". A theologian or philosopher may reply: "It's a source of illuminating grace and strength", or "It's a manifestation of Truth and our Moral Core".

However we choose to define the term, we quickly realize that its definition is as multiple and ineffable as anything we have ever seriously considered. The various Degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry teach serious and deep truths about the concept of "Masonic Light". Some as a pure idea or concept, often by allegory and symbolism. They teach in scientific terms, in artistic concepts, in religious and philosophical study. We learn both that none of us hold the real answer to the question: WHAT IS "LIGHT"? and we learn that we all have the answer!

So what now? Share the journey. Aid and assist your Brothers, as they assist you, in discovering that "Light" that you seek! Open discussion, with respect for all viewpoints, is both a tenet of our Craft, and the real reason the Education Committee exists. Stop by between the degrees, share in the discussion, add to (and maybe even discover a few new) definitions of "LIGHT"!

Monte M. Miller, 33°  
Chair of the Education Committee

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## Toleration

In the 30°, one lesson we are taught is that of toleration. The Degree focuses on religious toleration, but the admonition to the candidate really goes much deeper.

The lesson deals with the beliefs of others. Scottish Rite Masons are not to interfere with the beliefs of others. I think this lesson goes much deeper and let us think of it, for a moment, of being tolerant of ideas.

We have over the history of the United States dealt with religious toleration, one of the founding principles of our country. Over time toleration has taken on other aspects where ethnic toleration was stressed. But is this enough?

When we think of religious or ethnic toleration aren't we considering differences in sociological, economic, familial, and environmental structures? The backgrounds of our lives and the people who influence us set those structures. We need to be careful as we are admonished in the 30° to not interfere with the beliefs (or I would submit "opinions") of others.

How would you apply this to your own life and circumstances? All of us, and especially Masons, seem to be individuals of strong opinions. Most of us are willing to go toe-to-toe to defend our opinions. Perhaps we would all be better off in society if we take the time to slow down and listen, being tolerant of what others are saying. That doesn't mean you need to acquiesce or get into some type of raging debate to defend your own opinion.

Be tolerant and enter into civil discourse. Be willing to not only share your opinions, but listen to the opinions of others. We all need to learn from one another. We are obligated to assist and support our Brother. Sometimes, I have found you can both be correct after entering into a civil discussion and learning from one another.

WB Carl F. Lidstrom  
32° KCCH  
Commander Council of Kadosh



## Ritual Corner

Happy New Year and welcome to the Degrees of the Spring 2016 class. The Fall class was a great success, and culminated in the Minneapolis Valley 2-Day Reunion to help celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> year in the Scottish Rite Temple.

As the degrees begin, let us examine the 9°, Elu of the Nine. This is the first of the three Elu degrees. The word Elu is a French word meaning Elect, and refers to those chosen to find the three assassins of the 3°. Some of the duties taught in this degree are to be tolerant and liberal, and to war against fanaticism and persecution with education and enlightenment. Albert Pike states about education, "An intelligent people, informed of its rights, will soon come to know its power, and cannot long be oppressed." (Morals & Dogma, p. 153) On enlightenment, he states, "Most men have sentiments, but not principles. The former are temporary sensations, the latter permanent and controlling impressions of goodness and virtue....and it is these that Masonry insists upon." (Morals & Dogma, p. 150).

Come and join us to watch, listen, and learn the lessons of the Elu degrees, and all the degrees during the Spring class. The lessons of the degrees will help us all in our journey toward Masonic Light. See you at the Rite!

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock, 32°, KCCH  
Ritual Director, Minneapolis Valley



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## E-News

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Let us congratulate them on this and all the hard work they do for our Valley. It only goes to show hard work is appreciated.

### From the Desk of the Personal Representative

I hope the Holiday and New Year's celebrations that ushered in 2016 have been happy for you and your family.

The 2015 Centennial Celebrations for our Minneapolis Valley have come to a close and I want to thank all those dedicated Brethren who helped bring together the many pieces of our celebration. With the labors and dedication of many Brothers, we have successfully marked an important milestone for our Valley. And we have laid the foundations for future generations of Scottish Rite Masons to celebrate our traditions and heritage.

2016 brings us renewed hope for the future of our Valley for the next century and the opportunity for each of us to strengthen our fraternal bonds within the Scottish Rite and within the Big Tent of Masonry. It is heartwarming to see so many Brethren who have joined our Valley within the past two years become active and use their passions to make our Valley a vibrant and engaging experience for themselves and others. It's through their labors – and yours – that we grow.

Our fraternity is a tremendous fraternal experiment that has succeeded where others have failed. Being with people you care about creates a bonding experience. Being with people who care about you creates an attachment. Our fraternity has succeeded because of this bonding and its over-whelming inclusion and attachment - striving to accept another's faith, creed, color or culture - binding us with shared values and common experiences - Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Thursday nights are Rite Nights for Minneapolis and I encourage you to find time in your schedule and enjoy the fraternity, fellowship and more light in Masonry that distinguish the strengthening of our Valley in our next 100 years.

So May we Ever ...

David N. Kampf, 33°  
Personal Representative

