



Pizza Party

The Minneapolis Valley held their semi-annual Orientation party for new candidates on August 8th. Although originally only for incoming candidates, upon the many requests from the area Blue Lodges, it has been expanded to include not only those interested in the Rite, but also men interested in joining a Lodge.



This year, we provided Red Savoy pizza to about 100 guests. This was followed by an entertaining program in the main auditorium. Assistant Personal Representative, Dave Kampf, acting as M.C. first introduced a taped message from Ill. Ronny Seale, Soviergn Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, who welcomed our new Brothers to the Scottish Rite.

This was followed by Ed Perlman, who first introduced Ivy Rose Carr, daughter of Brother Shane Carr, 32° KCCH and Junior Princess of the Hopkins Raspberry Festival.

He then introduced a special guest from Japan, WB G. Zilla, Past Master of Samurai Lodge in Tokyo who surprisingly turned out to be the famous Japanese actor Godzilla.

We learned much about Masonry in Japan from WB Zilla and learned of his desire to join the Minneapolis Valley because our reputation for quality ritual and especially because of the very attractive pricing of our new candidate fees.



Following this, SGIG Jerry B. Oliver, 33° did his usual great job of instilling a sense of excitement about the degrees.

The evening ended with a tour of the building, followed by a question and answer session.

At the time we went to print 11 Master Masons had signed petitions to attend the Fall Class and 7-9 men had signed petitions to attain the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason

Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Ritual Corner

Welcome to a new cycle of degrees for the Fall 2013 class. I look forward to seeing you at the degrees. I hope we have new candidates from all your lodges. As we get started with the degrees, Let us take a look at the 5°, Perfect Master.

This degree teaches us to be industrious and honest. We learn that life is uncertain and that death may call at any time. We also learn that virtue for virtue's sake is the noblest portion of humanity. Albert Pike's lecture in *Morals and Dogma* expands on these duties. In explaining how to be industrious, we hear, "To sleep little and to study much; to say little and to hear and think much; to learn that we may be able to do, and then do, earnestly and vigorously, whatever may be required of us by duty..." (p. 116). Concerning honesty we hear, "The duty of a Mason as an honest man is plain and easy. This requires of us honesty in contract, sincerity in affirming, simplicity in bargaining, and faithfulness in performing" (p. 116).

I look forward to this class and all that the degrees have to teach us, and to help us in our journey toward Masonic light. Make your Thursday a night for Masonic education at the Scottish Rite.

Lee E. Kielblock, 32°, KCCH Elect
Ritual Director



Honours List 2013

Brethren it is with great pleasure that I list those brothers who have made this year's Honours list:

33°

Timothy Ross Dixon
Russell William Trout
Arian Jay Winikoff

32° KCCH

Douglas Alan Beach
Alan John Betker
Gary Lloyd Bill
Todd Joseph Ferrara
Richard Clayton Kachman
Lee Edward Kielblock
Robert Leland Lyons
Michael Edward Rudolph
Steven Jon Stromsness
Elliott Paul Saxton

Two New Foundation Board Members

The Minneapolis Scottish Rite Building and Museum Foundation is honored to announce the addition of two Brethren to its Board of Directors. They are KSA Brothers David Shaffer and Steven Stromsness. David also serves as editor of *The Scottish Rite Sun*. We extend a heartfelt thank you to these men for agreeing to help the Foundation continue its mission to preserve and protect our historic Scottish Rite building and library/museum artifacts.

Our elevator project is completed. The finishes are on the floors, the railings are all installed, and of course the elevator is delivering Brothers to the floor of their choice. Thank you to those who have helped with labor, funding and good wishes. Progress continues with parking lot improvements, new fire protection devices, new chandelier hoists, drapes in the candidates room, and a long list of maintenance requirements. All of us pursue a goal of passing our rich fraternal heritage to the next generations of Brothers in as good or better condition than they were entrusted to us.

Planning for the long-term needs of the Building as well as its Library/Museum are large and challenging tasks that can be fun. Would you like to get "intimate" with a large pink sapphire Nationally Historic structure? How about cozying up with a 16th century Breviary or Marquis de Lafayette's dress sword? The Foundation, in conjunction with the House Committee, is in need of an asset planning work group to identify and plan for replacement of the building heating system, roofs, etc.; and a plan to protect and secure our more ancient Library/Museum pieces. If you are interested in serving, please send an email to secretary@scottish-rite-mpls.org

Randall A. Hamborg, 32° KCCH



From the Desk of the Editor

Brothers, now that a new season has opened and we are back in session I would like to take this time to welcome our new candidates. You will find that this is an enlightening, but yet, could be challenging journey you have entered upon. If you have questions about what you're learning or with anything, please feel free to ask any of the members of the Rite.

David C. Shaffer, 32°
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Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Chapter of Rose Croix

I'd like to welcome Brothers Robert Brown, who was installed as our Standard Bearer, and Nick Settich, who was installed as our Guardian of the Temple. They are eager Masons that I know will do a great job with their duties and will be a good addition to the Rose Croix. Thanks Randy Hamborg, our Senior Warden, for his continued dedication to the Chapter and congratulations on a job well done for his work on the elevator. Some of you have commented on the great degree work that the 18 has become. We have Terry Armstrong, a Past Wise Master of this Chapter, to thank for that.

I'd also like to welcome back Joe Gonzalez, who has agreed to fill in as our Junior Warden, and Bruce Johnson, who will be our Master of Ceremonies. Both these gentlemen are Past Wise Masters of Rose Croix and will help us to rebuild and reorganize the Chapter. Thank you both for your dedication.

One of the focuses of my term will be the remembrance of our departed brethren. The Rose Croix is traditionally tasked with the duty of conducting a Scottish Rite memorial service for a member who requests it. To fulfill this obligation, the officers of Rose Croix will be practicing and preparing a traditional service. A Red Room presentation is also being planned for 2014 to show the Brethren this ceremony and give them the option of requesting it when that day comes for us all.

Thanks for your time, and please remember, the Chapter of Rose Croix never closes, we are just at refreshment for the time being. Rest assured, our duties never end, nor does our commitment to you, our Brethren.

Jacob Geer, 32° KCCH

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Jerry B. Oliver, 33°
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Mark A. Campbell, 33°
Executive Secretary

Minneapolis Membership Committee

When our late Personal Representative, Ill. Ed Waldon, 33° asked me to become membership chair for the Minneapolis Valley he asked how I viewed the task. I explained my opinion and he asked me to serve. Since that time, I have top-lined a number of petitions and encouraged a number of brethren to become active in the Rite. I must have satisfied someone because I have been the membership committee chair for ten years.

Philosophies of achieving membership growth are as varied as our membership. Some think publicity works; some like open houses; and others like internet outreach. But in my experience only one thing works time after time – one on one personal contact.

I have asked many of our members how they came to join the fraternity and without fail it was a discussion with a trusted friend, a family member, or an outreach to an existing member. Each had a personal reason for pursuing membership, and when they made that decision they went to an existing member to pursue the opportunity. As a result, my philosophy of Masonic membership is based on a one-on-one effort.

Every member of the Minneapolis Valley is a member of the membership committee. Each of us goes into the world as a Scottish Rite Mason and how we live our lives presents the best testimony to the benefits of being a member. We represent the fraternity every day and each of us must seize the opportunity to enlighten our friends and family to the benefits of membership – to ourselves and to the community. Be alert to the opportunities as they arise and present a positive image of your fellows when asked “what is the Scottish Rite”.

I am pleased to report that one of our newer members has agreed to assist me in coordinating membership efforts. Michael Miller of Anoka Lodge has similar responsibilities for his lodge, the Shrine and now for the Scottish Rite. When aided by the Double Eagles and the KSA, the membership committee has an army of eager members who will assist you in answering the questions and shepherding a potential candidate on his journey into the Rite. If you need additional support in talking to your lodge or to a prospective candidate you need only ask. Mike and I will be happy to assist.

Of course the best way to remember what it is like to be a Scottish Rite Mason is to be on the sidelines as our brethren present the degrees. We start the fall class August 22 – Thursday Night is Rite Night!

Mark A. Campbell, 33°
Executive Secretary



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Calendar

Lodge

Red Room

5 Sept.	10°, 11°	Candidate Introduction by Monte Miller
12 Sept	12°, 13°	Minneapolis Valley by Jim Burlingame & David Kampf
19 Sept.	14°	Almoner by Greg Vokovan
26 Sept.	15°, 16°	No presentation scheduled
26 Sept.	KSA Stated Meeting	
03 Oct.	17°, 18°	No presentation scheduled
10 Oct.	19°, 20°	Rite Care by Allen Betker
17 Oct.	21°, 22°	MWB David E. Olson, Grand Master of Minnesota
24 Oct.	23°, 24°	No presentation scheduled
31 Oct.	25°, 26°	Minnesota Masonry by Glenn Kiecker
31 Oct.	KSA Stated Meeting	