



**Members of the
Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite**

You are invited to submit an article for your Sun Newspaper.

If you would like share your thoughts, ideas and insights with your Brothers, this contest is for you.

These articles can be published anonymously or with your name attached. Send with your name and if you wish we will assign a number to your article.

If you win the monthly we will contact you to see if you want your prize presented in a public ceremony.

The only rules are:

1. Must meet the usual Masonic restrictions.
2. Those excluded from this contest will be the heads of the bodies, department heads, or anyone who regularly submits an article for publication.
3. The deadline will be the first of April and then the first of the month preceding the next issue of the Sun.

This is your chance to say what's on your mind and possibly walk away with a prize.

Several of the top submissions will be in the E-Newsletter with the Winner being announced at the Scottie Awards.

Your Editor will be the Sole Judge of this contest.

David C. Shaffer 32° K.: C.: C.: H.:
Editor, Minneapolis Valley Sun



**From the Desk of the Personal
Representative
Our Second Century**

It's a fantastic feeling to glance ahead as we commence our second century in our beautiful Temple. The New Year gives us renewed opportunities to improve our Scottish Rite, engage all our Brethren and welcome Master Masons as new members of our Rite.

Our successful December 2015 Centennial Reunion helped us learn several important lessons. Chief among those lessons was our ability to make a positive impact on our candidates by restructuring our traditional One Day Reunion into a two day event. We've commenced planning for a new Spring Reunion for our Valley, a reunion that will continue to emphasize the excellent of our ritual, the strength of our Masonic fellowship and the engagement of all our Brethren. Be on the look out for more information and be ready to join the Reunion festivities, share your memories of when you joined the Rite, and encourage Brother Master Masons to find further light in Masonry.

Remember that you, and every member of our Valley, are the most important part of our Membership Team. Together, we can and will accomplish great things for our Scottish Rite.

If it's been a while since you've visited your Scottish Rite, check the calendar for our weekly dinner and degree nights and visit your Brethren as your schedule permits. I know you will be pleasantly surprised at the great changes you'll find at your Scottish Rite.

David N. Kampf, 33°
Personal Representative



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Reflections on Masonic Education

Our early ancestors must have noticed the regular and cyclical nature of our world: the rising and setting of the Sun, the phases of the moon, the seasons and the like.

They could not help to have wondered at the cause of these things. They also had to cope with the “irregular”; the changes of the weather, natural disasters (earthquakes, floods, volcanos, etc.). What caused these things? It is not surprising that supernatural explanations developed. Theology, however, might be a topic for another day!

Maybe we'd like to consider how those events of nature that were regular, predictable and expected came to be viewed as “good”, while those unpredictable and often traumatic events came to be viewed as “bad” or “evil”? Surely this psychologically development of reverence for the “regular, normal and predictable” gave rise to the concept of Ritual. Or maybe that should be a topic for another day?

Maybe we'd like to consider the Pythagoreans, who supposed that Mathematical Principles could explain the nature of all things, and influenced Aristotle, Plato and the entire body of Philosophy? Let's defer that discussion as well.

What about the mysterious Knights Templar? Was there any connection with Freemasonry? What was it? Shall we discuss History?

Think about these concepts: Secrecy, Duty, Fairness, Judgment, Diligence, Honor, Fidelity, Service, Wisdom, Dedication, Humility, Tolerance and Self. Shall we talk about these things? Maybe soon we can consider ALL these things.

When? Where? Join us in the Education room, before and after each Degree! These are the topics we discuss; we respect each viewpoint, and assert that no man has the right to interpret a particular symbol for anyone else. But a free and open discussion and sharing insights, surely helps us become the Masons and Brothers we seek to be. It's about BROTHERHOOD.

Monte M Miller, 33°
Chair, Education Committee

E-News

Do you receive the Scottish Rite E-News? If you would like to, please send an e-mail to minneapoliscottishritenews@gmail.com to request your subscription. Mark Anderson, 33° E-News update editor

Ritual Corner

The Spring class is well underway, and the degree work and fellowship at the Minneapolis Valley has been wonderful as always. As we move into our celestial spring, the class is learning and enjoying the degrees of the Council of Kadosh. Let us look at the 21°, Noachite, or Prussian Knight.

In the 21°, we witness a meeting of the Vehmgericht, a group in the Middle Ages that was given the power to hold trials and dispense justice. The degree teaches the importance of an independent judiciary and teaches that our duties are to be humble and modest, trusting in God, and to be steadfast and courageous in the face of adversity. Albert Pike writes, “You are especially charged in the Degree to be Modest and Humble, and not vain glorious not filled with self-conceit.” (Morals and Dogma, pg. 334) We see in the degree that the character that displays these traits is rewarded at the end of the degree.

Please join us for the 21°, and all the degrees of the Spring class. The lessons taught are invaluable in helping us in our journey toward Masonic Light. The lessons learned, and the fellowship we enjoy can help us all be better men and better Masons. I look forward to seeing you on Thursdays at the Rite.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock, 32°, K.: C.: C.: H.:
Ritual Director



From the Desk of the Editor

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

David Shaffer, 32° K.: C.: C.: H.:
Editor



WEB Site

Have you been at the Scottish Rite Web site? If not select the link below or type it into your browser, then select Minneapolis Valley. You can see back issues of the SUN or visit many of the other areas listed.

<http://scottish-rite-mn.org>



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A Letter of Gratitude

I have been very moved by all of the positive feedback we have received recently, and especially the Centennial Reunion in December. It is clear the lessons of Scottish Rite Masonry are just as relevant for new Masons, as well as those who have been members for 30 years.

I received the following note from WB Gary Loomis of Clearwater Lodge who attended the Centennial Reunion:

"It was really delightful for me to go through the Scottish Rite degrees with my son Lance, and I am so impressed what I learned about myself, and about you, and what Scottish Rite Masonry is all about. It confirmed my own beliefs about what I've believed for years, in tolerance, desire for benevolence, and the worth of individuals.

Don, I really lament that I did not get involved in it many, many years ago. I've been a Mason for such a long time and never saw a need for other branches of our craft, but I learned that I was wrong! I stagnated, and wasted so much time since my raising.

I feel that even with the short time I spent with you and the other Scottish Rite brothers so far, I have already felt a close kinship and found friends, and I really missed that, in my teachings about Masonry and how we become friends in our associations. In all those years, these ideals came up short in my aspirations."

To those who attend regularly, we appreciate the value of the Scottish Rite. A number of members of the Centennial Reunion Class are coming back and attending the remaining Degrees this winter. To those who come down on Thursdays and help make this amazing experience happen, THANK YOU! You really do make a difference and you are having a positive impact on our new Scottish Rite Brothers. To those of you who haven't been to the Rite for awhile, come on back and see what's happening. You won't be disappointed. Call a Brother you haven't seen and invite him to join you at our Scottish Rite!

Don Nolley, 33°
Assistant Personal Representative

Looking for New Properties Committee Members

The Properties Committee for the Minneapolis Scottish Rite is responsible for the setup and tear down of the 29 degrees portrayed by the Scottish Rite. This includes the chairs, pedestals, and actors props used in each degree in order to add some flair to each and every degree

portrayed. We are also responsible for bringing down various drops and putting out wings on the stage for each degree that might help bring to life the degree being presented.

Some of the members of the Committee are retired and are able to get down to the Rite earlier in the day to start the process of getting started on the setup of that days degree work. Some of the others come down later and help out for the changeover in degrees, so however much time a person might have available would be most appreciated as someone might be able to attend a week or two a month instead of every week like most of us now do as a result of losing members on the committee.

Depending on a person's current work/home situation would determine how often they might be able to make it down to the Rite to help out with our Committee. Each week we are able to eat supper about 4:30 pm before everyone else in the event we have more setup work to do before the degree work begins that evening. Those who can't be there at 4:30 will generally still have time to eat before the degree work begins. Lately we have had to stay until the end of the evening to tear everything down as other organizations using the building need the auditorium before we return the next week. If anyone has any questions or would like to set up a time to meet, please let someone on the Properties Committee know so that we can try to set something up for a visit.

Fraternally,

Steve Downs, 33°
Properties Chairman

Ceremony and Feast of Remembrance & Renewal March 17, 2016

Brothers, please watch your mailbox for a formal invitation to this feast! The Officers of the Rose Croix look forward to hosting this important event where we honor the memory of our Brothers passed, and enjoy the fellowship and renewal delivered by our fraternal family. This is an open event so friends and family are encouraged to attend.

Honored guests will include the leadership of our State and Valley, as well as our most honored widows of the Minneapolis Valley. Please see your invitation for details; including meal choices and event timing.

2015 initiates are reminded to submit any private characteristic (Example: Eques ab Honore) they chose during the 18th Degree Knighting Ceremony, when registering for their meals. Initiate's patents and pins will be delivered to those attending the Feast!

Thank you for your attention to this obligation.

Randall Hamborg, 33°, Wise Master



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Calendar / Red Room / Open Events

01 Mar Stated Meeting
Lodge Annual Meeting
Consistory Annual Meeting
03 Mar 21°, 22°
Orient of Minnesota - Jerry B. Oliver
10 Mar 23°, 24° / **DeMolay - Mark Hailer**
17 Mar **Chapter Rose Croix**
Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony
24 Mar Dark - Maundy Thursday
31 Mar 25°, 26° / KSA Election and Installation
Grand Master of Minnesota - John Gann
05 Apr Stated Meeting
Chapter Rose Croix Annual Meeting
07 Apr Dark - Grand Lodge
14 Apr 27°
21 Apr 28°, 29° / KSA, Initiation
28 Apr 4°, 14° Spring Reunion
03 May Stated Meeting
05 May Dark
12 May 18° Spring Reunion
14 May 30°, 31°, 32° Spring Reunion
19 May **Consistory Feast and Scottie Awards**
26 May KSA

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