



MINNEAPOLIS
SCOTTISH RITE



April/May
2016

THE 2016 SCOTTIE AWARDS

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TEMPLE



THURSDAY,
MAY 19, 2016

SOCIAL HOUR - 5:30
FEAST - 6:30
AWARDS - 7:30

Celebrate your Rite, your Valley, and your Brothers!
Open to all Scottish Rite Brethren, families,
and guests to honor the workers of the Minneapolis Valley.
Featuring the 15th annual "Scottie Awards" recognizing those who
made this year a great success.

Celebrate your Brothers this year who deserve recognition for actions in
and outside of the Valley! Come to dinner and share how a Brother has
helped you this year in some way so their efforts may be recognized.

Awards and recognition for acts within the Valley are a great way to show
our appreciation to the workers, but the truly great acts in our Craft come
when the lights are off, the crowds are gone, and we help our fellow Brothers
in times of happiness, sorrow, sickness, and joy.

Bring these stories to the Feast and recognize these acts!

Further details coming soon, but save the date for this grand event!

HOSTED BY THE MINNEAPOLIS CONSISTORY

Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

2016 Spring Reunion

Beginning this Spring, the Minneapolis Valley will highlight the completion of our Spring Degree session with a multi-day Reunion. Our Reunion allows Master Masons to join the Valley and receive the Official Degrees of the Scottish Rite in only 3 days. Added to the Reunion this year will be the performance of the 31°, one of the most remarkable degrees in the Valley.

In changing to a multi-day Reunion, the Valley hopes to make a memorable and rewarding experience for Master Masons joining the Scottish Rite, giving them the opportunity to absorb the profound lessons of Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

A reception with a cash bar will follow the Degrees on Thursday, May 12th, and also at the conclusion of the Reunion on Saturday, May 14th. Spouses of Scottish Rite Brethren and the new members are encouraged to attend the receptions.

In your next visit to your Blue Lodge, find that Brother who is seeking further light in Masonry and encourage him to consider the Scottish Rite. Petitions must be received by Monday, April 25th and accompanied by the \$125 Initiation Fee.

2016 Spring Reunion Event Schedule:

Thursday – April 28:

4:00 PM Registration for Candidates
5:00 PM Dinner
6:00 PM 4° followed by the 14°

Thursday – May 12:

4:00 PM Candidates arrive
5:00 PM Dinner
6:15 PM 18° in the Auditorium
8:00 PM Reception and Cash Bar

Saturday – May 14:

8:00 AM Candidates arrive
8:30 AM 30°
10:15 AM 31°
12:00 PM Spring Reunion Lunch (Reservations Required)
2:00 PM 32°
5:00 PM Reunion Reception and Cash Bar

A more detailed schedule for the Reunion is available on the Valley website or from the Valley Office.

Remember – Every Scottish Rite Mason is a member of our Membership Committee.

From the Desk of the Personal Representative

Every once in a while we rejoice in an opportunity to experience an important Masonic lesson – the lesson that Masonry encourages us not to be better than our Brother or our neighbor, but better than ourselves. We know this lesson applies to our lives as men, neighbors, husbands, fathers, and Masons. It also applies to our Minneapolis Valley.

For the year ending December 31, 2015, membership in our Minneapolis Valley increased by four members. It certainly isn't a significant increase. The rejoicing is not as much in the actual number or that it is a positive number. The rejoicing is truly in how we got there.

In our Centennial year we talked and we listened. We talked with Master Masons and encouraged them to be a part of our Centennial Celebration and join the Rite. We listened when our Brethren talked about their passions, and found opportunities to engage them in the great work that is Scottish Rite Masonry. We talked with Brethren who had not been to their Scottish Rite in many years and encouraged them to return. We listened to our Brethren and created an incredible two-day Centennial Reunion in December.

In our Centennial Year, we proved what we could do together and that we can be better than we have been in the past. A Masonic lesson put into practice. Our accomplishment draws a challenge for us this year. Can we again show ourselves to be better than we have been in the past?

Yes, I know we can.
So May We Ever ...

David Kampf, 33°

Personal Representative
Minneapolis Valley
Orient of Minnesota



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Ritual Corner

It has been wonderful to see so many of you joining us to watch the degrees of the Spring class. There have been some fantastic degrees so far, with more yet to come. We are now entering into the Council of Kadosh degrees, and I am looking forward to watching these amazing degrees.

As we venture into the Council degrees, let us look at the 23°, Chief of the Tabernacle. In this degree, we learn the duties of being devoted to God, to endeavor to promote the welfare of man, and to respect and act properly to our superiors. We are taught that a simple faith is wiser than vain philosophy. The 23° is the first degree to introduce the idea of the Mysteries of the ancient civilizations. Albert Pike states, "The instruction now conveyed by books and letters was of old conveyed by symbols; and the priest had to invent or to perpetuate a display of rites and exhibitions, which were not only more attractive to the eye than words, but often to the mind more suggestive and pregnant with meaning." (Morals and Dogma, pg. 354).

Come and join us to watch, listen, and learn the lessons of the Council of Kadosh degrees. Learn more about the ancient Mysteries, and how what they teach can help us all become better Scottish Rite Masons and Men. See you at the Rite!

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock, 32° K.: C.: C.: H.:



Freemasonry is a giant Lemon!!

Yup. You read that correctly! Now let me explain. The three segments of Blue Lodge Masonry and the twenty-nine degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry are like 32 chunks of a big lemon. Our goal is to squeeze out all the "juice" of each of those chunks. By "juice", I mean, of course, all of the knowledge contained in each degree and taught through the ritual, symbolism, and allegories of each. This is tougher than we may initially think!

I've heard some say that each degree is like an onion. You have to peel through each layer of the onion. Each layer exposes an entirely new layer. The problem with this analogy is, it seems to me, that ultimately - after all layers are opened, you are left with nothing but tears! We know that this just isn't true with Masonry!

Our goal should be to take all the juice of the lemon, mix it with a bit of the refreshing purity of water (Masonic research, reading and discussion), and a

healthy dose of the sugar of Brotherly Love, and -- Wow! An indescribable, wholesome and extraordinary sensation! We can now drink deeply of this knowledge and try to quench our thirst! BUT... there is a problem!

After years of trying to squeeze every drop from each chunk, I look back into the bowl and realize that there's still more juice to be extracted! I suppose I should have expected that. After all, I have often been told that what I would get out of Masonry was in direct proportion to the effort I put into it!

Pay attention to every degree. Extract as much as you can from it. Continue through all the degrees. Now repeat the process - often! I can attest that with each step, you will gain more. Maybe that's why so many of us continue to be very active in our Lodges and in our Valleys - a craving for lemonade. What do we desire? More lemonade!! Keep smilin'! Keep squeezin'! All the best, Brothers! See you at the Rite

Monte M. Miller, 33°
Chairman, Education Committee



Hello and greetings from the officers and past masters of the Consistory.

The current team of officers has now had the opportunity to perform the 32° twice, and each time we have had officers with conflicts that prevented them from being there. I mention this not with the intent to look harshly at anyone, but to commend those officers who filled the gaps, did so with pleasure and never thought twice about it. We covered for each other.

With all of our busy lives and conflicting objectives and troubles, it is easy to get caught sideways in a situation. I am as guilty of this as anyone. It is also easy to be negative about people who find themselves stuck between a rock and a hard place. The thing that I continue to marvel at as I think about the extra duty my fellow officers assumed is how they just stepped forward and performed the work. I mean, the 32° is fairly tricky, and these brothers made it look easy. They have my eternal gratitude and appreciation.

Directing a degree is a challenge on many fronts, and it is not for the weak of heart. That said, when all the roles are filled and all the people show up and all the costumes fit and all the committees are in place and ready to go, it is wonderful to sit back and just enjoy the show. Watching brothers work together to pull this off while staying positive and having fun is why I keep coming back.

James White 32° K.: C.: C.: H.:
Master of Kadosh



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Calendar / Red Room / Open Events

05 Apr Stated Meeting
Chapter Annual
07 Apr Dark / Grand Lodge
14 Apr 27°
21 Apr 28°, 29° / KSA, Initiation
28 Apr Spring Reunion 4°, 14°

03 May Stated Meeting
05 May Dark / Grand Chapter OES
12 May Spring Reunion 18°
14 May Spring Reunion 30°, 31° and 32°
19 May Consistory Feast and Scottie Awards
28 May Knights of St. Andrew Meeting

07 Jun Stated Meeting
30 Jun Knights of St. Andrew Meeting

05 Jul Stated Meeting
Council Annual
28 Jul Knights of St. Andrew Meeting

02 Aug Stated Meeting
Council Installation
18 Aug 4°, 5° and 6°
25 Aug 7°, 8° and 9° / KSA Meeting

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