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### Calendar / Red Room

03 Jan Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting  
Consistory Annual Meeting -  
Election of Officers

05 Jan 4°, 5°, 6°

12 Jan 7°, 8°, 9°

19 Jan 10°, 11° / **Minneapolis Valley David  
Kampf – Don Nolley**

21 Jan Grand Lodge One Day to Masonry

26 Jan 12°, 13° / KSA Meeting / **Class  
Introduction – Monte Miller**

02 Feb 14° / **Almoner – Mark Hailer**

07 Feb Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting  
Consistory Installation of Officers

09 Feb 15°, 16°

16 Feb 17°, 18°

23 Feb 19°, 20° / KSA Meeting / **Rite Care –  
Greg Vokovan**

02 Mar 21°, 22° / **Scott Wolter**

07 Mar Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting  
Lodge of Perfection Annual Meeting  
Election of Officers

09 Mar 23°, 24°

16 Mar Chapter Remembrance and  
Renewal Ceremony and Feast -  
Open event

23 Mar 25°, 26°

30 Mar 27° / KSA Meeting / **Lodge of  
Perfection Installation of Officers**

### Officers

**Jerry B. Oliver, 33°**  
Sovereign Grand Inspector General  
Orient of Minnesota

**David N. Kampf, 33°**  
Personal Representative of the  
S.: G.: I.: G.:

**James O. Burlingame, Sr., 33°, GC**  
Personal Representative Emeritus

**Donald J. Nolley, 33°**  
Assistant Personal Representative

**Kenneth P. Hill, 33°**  
Executive Secretary

**Roger D. Schmid, 33°**  
Venerable Master Lodge of Perfection

**Randall A. Hamborg, 33°**  
Wise Master Chapter Rose Croix

**Ted M. Martz 32° K.: C.: C.: H.:**  
Commander Council of Kadosh

**James M. White, 32° K.: C.: C.: H.:**  
Master of Consistory

# Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

## What A Wonderful Time To Be A Mason

It's now been about two months since we went through one of the most tumultuous elections in U.S. history. Regardless how the election turned out for each of us personally, it reminds me of how great it is to be a Scottish Rite Mason. In the 30<sup>th</sup>, each of us took a vow to "...defend the right of every Brother to practice his religion and advocate his political persuasion."

As we read in the papers and hear in the media of the individuals and groups reacting to the results in various ways (either demonstrably rejecting or lauding over the outcome), let us symbolically don our Scottish Rite caps and remember our vow.

I would like to extend an invitation to all the Brothers of the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite to join in our committee work. Of all the committees, the individual degrees are the most demonstrable but there are also the Wardrobe, Properties, Sound, Dining Hall, Library, and probably others that I can't remember as I write this. The thing is, joining a committee is the best way to connect your dues paying to a personal remembrance. While we appreciate the dues, we want you to enjoy your time as Scottish Rite Masons.

For those of us in the degrees, it is not the degrees that go off without a hitch that we remember. It's all those times behind the scenes when one of us dropped a cue or went to pick up a prop that wasn't there or had a microphone pick up the sounds of a Brother in the bathroom or the hundred other untoward things that happen that we remember with fondness.

These are the times that we remember and which bonds many of us together as we roll through these unexpected snafus. These are the glitches that the Scottish Rite invites you to enjoy and participate in.

I think you'll find being part of all this well worth your yearly dues. Just contact the Valley Secretary and express an interest. You won't be ignored!

Ted Martz, 32°, K.: C.: C.: H.:  
Commander,  
Minneapolis Council of Kadosh



## Ritual Corner Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren

The Fall class is coming to a close. The Council of Kadosh degrees are finishing and the Consistory degrees are coming up in the next two weeks. As the Fall class finishes the degrees of the Council of Kadosh, let us take a look at the 28<sup>th</sup>, Knight of the Sun or Prince Adept.

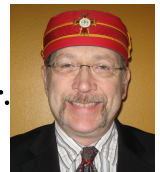
The 28<sup>th</sup> teaches us to be a lover of wisdom and to be faithful to the promises made in Masonry. The lessons taught in this degree include that Nature reveals a power and wisdom that continuously points to God. The visible is the manifestation of the invisible, and that in the universe two opposite forces provide balance. Albert Pike states, "This degree is both philosophical and moral...it is devoted to the legend of many philosophies of death and a restoration of life....the rule of Evil and Darkness is but temporary, that of Light and Good will be eternal." (Morals and Dogma, pg. 435) These lessons try to teach us to be more aware of our surroundings, what we do, and what Masonry teaches us.

More teachings and fellowship is to come in the next degrees. Please join us as the Fall class concludes and we welcome our new Masters of the Royal Secret to the Valley. And the Spring class begins in January with the Lodge of Perfection degrees. A great way to begin the New Year is to watch the degrees from the start of the degree cycle. See you at the Rite!

Fraternally,

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

Ritual Director, Minneapolis Valley



## E-News

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Mark Anderson, 33°  
E-News update editor



## “Have You Thought About Joining A Committee?”

To many brothers this is the sound of a dreaded question.

To them it means more work and possibly doing things that they really aren't interested in.

But here in the Scottish Rite it doesn't have to and usually isn't that way at all.

For instance, when many people think of the Wardrobe Committee they think only of clothes.

As such their first thought is “The costumes are cool, but I'm not interested in laundry and sewing.”

But have you considered how many opportunities there are that don't involve costumes?

If you enjoy painting there are props that could use sanding and painting.

If maintenance is your thing there are always things that can use fixing.

There are even opportunities for computer people, photography, organizing... there are so many parts!

Some brothers believe “I just don't have time for a committee.”

To that I would say that any of our committees would love help, even if it's just once every degree cycle.

If you really like one degree, another option is to become an assistant to the degree director and become a subject matter expert.

(Assistants to the Degree Directors are not like the Highlander—there can be more than one!)

Our committees are happy to have people on board who can work and really know what's needed—especially in degrees with a lot of cast members and props or sound and lighting cues.

If you would like to try a committee, just stop on by!

If after trying it you don't like it we don't take it personally—we're just happy to get the help and that you were there for us.

Our committees are what you make of them.

They can and are fun, social and a great way to learn.

They make our Rite better, and it helps make it that much more of “Your Scottish Rite”.

Brother Juniper

Wardrobe Committee Chair

## Knights of St. Andrew

When looking to join a group, look at the Knights of St. Andrew. We work within the valley and we help with numerous activities and groups in the Valley.

One of the prime activities that we get to do is greeting. This may not seem like something that you are used to; this is a primary part of the Fraternal bond that is built by the Scottish Rite. I know that for myself I have met and seen so many people coming into the rite that I cannot even count.

This has given me the opportunity to reach out to other brothers who may need to know where to go, or who to talk to in order to get an answer. Part of the greeters' purpose is to conduct tours of the building. One surely gets to know ones way around by doing this, and learn some of the great history of the building.

The second most activity is helping to keep the building in order and clean. For those who may not know who or what the KSA is, this was formed in our valley in order to help the Valley, the Heads of Bodies, and the S.G.I.G. and his personal representative.

We participate in a monthly meeting, we have a Knighting ceremony once a year, this year it will be held in the Red Room on January 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have not seen this ritual it is certainly a sight to see.

I personally look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally yours,  
Paul Schwartz 32° S.M.O.R.S  
Knight Commander of  
Knights of St Andrew



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## From the Desk of the Editor

It is the start of a new season of degrees here at the Rite. If you have anything to say about the upcoming degrees, please let me know. This is your newsletter, so speak up.

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

David Shaffer 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:

Editor of the Sun





## And Now The Journey Continues

Congratulations to our newest Masters of the Royal Secret for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and the Minneapolis Valley.

As a Master of the Royal Secret, you can now continue your quest for further light in Masonry. And make no mistake, finding further light in Masonry means getting involved. This is true for the newest member of our Valley and it is true for our most senior member of our Valley, who received his 14<sup>th</sup> in February of 1948. And it's true for you.

My sincerest desire for our newest Brethren – and for all the Brethren of the Valley – is to experience the labor of Masonic involvement that makes our Valley great. Get involved. Get active. Share your love of Masonry. Create new friendships. Strengthen existing friendships.

Your participation in our Valley is the first step to discovering Masonic light for yourself.

When your schedule permits, attend our valley functions, our degrees and our events. Get up from your chair on a Thursday afternoon and come to your Scottish Rite for dinner or the Degree or just to visit with Brethren. As with many things in life to making a commitment to get involved starts with showing up.

I know that I share many common experiences with members of our Valley – perhaps the most valuable of which is the tremendous experience of being engaged and active in our Scottish Rite.

And now the earnest journey continues.

David Kampf, 33<sup>o</sup>,  
Personal Representative



## Shall Brothers be

Welcome to winter and the challenges it brings to daily life! Hopefully your preparation phase is complete; the machinery is winterized, filters and combustion air vents are cleaned, and your throw blanket is tossed alongside that favorite chair. Life seems to be forced to slow down a bit as winter conditions make travel times longer and work schedules need open blocks to allow for the unexpected.

I find myself drawn into more contemplative moments during this season. Thoughts turn toward the good friends I have, the life that challenges me, and the men who guided me so effortlessly. Jack, Lyle, Bill, John, James... the list goes on easily. Last names complicate our list. Anyone who's been enlightened in this fraternity knows multiples of each, past, present and future too?

Seeing hundreds of Brothers on meeting night is a highlight of my life. Brothers, who speak as easily about a favorite hobby as they do mistakes they've learned from; always guiding, another lesson, a mistake to be avoided. Thank you is all I can say; but this winter I've added a "to do" to my thank-you list.

Last night I was paging through the class photos in the dining room. There were too many faces of brothers who don't make it to the Rite, and I have made a promise to myself, that I will visit one of those brothers each month of winter. That's just three of those open blocks in the schedule. I'll report the results this spring.

Randall A. Hamborg, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Wise Master



PS: How is your schedule looking? Ken or Jackie can give you current address info for any Brother. It would not surprise me if cosmic forces lead to reporting greetings of 3 x 3.