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### Calendar / Red Room

02 May Heads of the Bodies / Stated / Chapter  
Installation of Officers  
04 May Dark / Order of the Eastern Star  
11 May 18° Spring Reunion Continues  
13 May 30°, 31°, 32° Spring Reunion Concludes  
**Mural Lecture / Monte Miller**  
18 May Consistory Feast and Scottie Awards Open  
Event  
25 May KSA Meeting  
  
06 June Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting  
29 June KSA Meeting  
  
11 July Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting/  
Council Annual Meeting  
27 July KSA Meeting

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# Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

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## Greetings From The Chapter of Rose Croix

The spiritual quarter of a Scottish Rite is the Chapter of Rose Croix. We will be here to lift the spirits of our members through the uncertain waters. This past year we have seen some successes in the community that have been unprecedented in over a hundred years for Our Temple. We are looking to strengthen those bonds every day for the next hundred years. We are reviving some old traditions including the Mystic Banquet to accompany the next Remembrance and Renewal next Spring.

My overall philosophy as Wise Master is to advance Scottish Rite Masonry in new ways, as much as I can inspire to do so. These proposed advances in SR Masonry will not be purely technological; in fact most of the new approaches include a new commitment to the tenets of Scottish Rite Masonry. For example; educations with moderated discussions, supporting our Rite Care (especially the upcoming Fall Gala), and joining in the many events we are executing with the greatest of care. For the 21<sup>st</sup> Century aspect, we look to have some great conversations about social media, Fraternal phone applications (Apps), websites and even podcasts along with many other topics.

We are looking to the future, and also celebrating the past more than ever. Our Senior Warden in the Rose Croix, Terrance Schaffer, 32° is hosting as the sitting Master of Anoka Lodge #30 A.F. & A.M. a celebration for the Tercentennial of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to contact your home Lodge and join in the fun at Anoka. You are always welcome at Your Scottish Rite.

Nick Settich 32°

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## From the Desk of the Editor

If you have anything to say about the upcoming degrees please let me know. This is your Newsletter so speak up.

Any event that would be of interest please submit it to me at [dshaffer@USA.com](mailto:dshaffer@USA.com)

David C. Shaffer, 32°  
K.: C.: C.: H.:  
Editor of the Sun



## 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 psychological 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.

But 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 of insights, surely helps us become the Masons and Brothers we seek to be. It’s about brotherhood.

Monte M. Miller, 33°  
Chair, Education Committee



# Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

## Farewell for Now

This will be my final article for the Minneapolis Scottish Rite “Sun” as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection. I do hope it won’t be the last. I say this because we are always looking for articles to print in the Sun and articles are welcome from all members. You do not need to be a Line Officer or Committee Head to submit an article. Brother David Shaffer will welcome articles from any member wanting to reach out on any subject that they feel would be of interest to the Brethren. Just saying ...

I do want to take this time to thank everyone who has been so supportive of the Scottish Rite and given me advice, inspiration and added wisdom as I advanced up the Lodge of Perfection line to become Venerable Master. We have so many talented and worthy Brothers and I knew when I started in the line that I could not and would not be doing it alone. You all helped make it a very rewarding and wonderful journey.

So now, where do I go from here? We have so many opportunities for each and every member of the Scottish Rite. I’ve had the opportunity to stress to each new candidate during the first night orientation that we have dozens of committees and areas for every Brother to get involved. From being a “cast member” to the many supporting committees of Lighting, Sound, Properties, Education, Wardrobe, Choir, Library, Dining Room, Membership, Knights of St. Andrew and so on, each of us can be involved. I hope you have found your niche.

Lastly, I want to remind all you to support our “Rite Care” philanthropy whereby we support many children by giving scholarships to combat their “language learning disabilities”. Ask a Brother if you need further information on how you can help.

Once again, thank you to one and all. I look forward to our futures together as we continue our search for Light!

**Roger D. Schmid, 33° I.:G.:H.:  
Venerable Master Lodge of  
Perfection**



## Ritual Corner

Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren.

The Minneapolis Valley will soon be hosting our annual Spring Reunion. The Reunion is spread out over three days and gives you the opportunity to see the 4<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees. These degrees introduce and explain many concepts from Scottish Rite philosophy. They take you to different times and places, reveal the lost word of Freemasonry, and the Royal Secret of the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree. The dates for the Reunion and the degrees are:

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Degrees

Thursday, May, 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Degree

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees

In addition to the degrees, you can enjoy great fellowship with your Scottish Rite Brethren from the entire Minnesota Orient. Enjoy fantastic food for your meals. And welcome the newest Scottish Rite Masters of the Royal Secret to the Minneapolis Valley. There are dinners, lunches, and hospitality events during the days of the Reunion.

Many things happen behind the scenes to make the Reunion possible. All the committees; Dining Room, Properties, and many more, work hard to make this happen and can use your help. The Reunion is a great time to meet the heads of the committees and committee members, and start to get involved at the Valley. Then come back for the Fall class and help make our great Valley even better through your participation.

I urge you to please join your Scottish Rite Brethren for the Spring Reunion. Come and enjoy the degrees, the fellowship, the food, and a wonderful time for Scottish Rite Masonry. I look forward to seeing you there!

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



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Mark Anderson, 33° I.:G.:H.:  
E-News update editor





## THE 2017 SCOTTIE AWARDS

MINNEAPOLIS  
SCOTTISH RITE  
TEMPLE



THURSDAY,  
MAY 18<sup>th</sup>,  
2017

SOCIAL HOUR - 5:30  
FEAST - 6:30

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 16th 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!

RSVP by May 16th to 612-871-1500  
or email: [office@scottish-rite-mpis.org](mailto:office@scottish-rite-mpis.org)

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

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## Honorary DeMolay Degree

TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR

*Masonic Journey*

Public Ceremony - Friends & Family Welcome

TWO LOCATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM!

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017**

DULUTH SCOTTISH RITE - 4:00 PM (DINNER AFTER)  
4 W 2ND ST DULUTH, MN

**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017**

MINNEAPOLIS SCOTTISH RITE - 4:00 PM (DINNER AFTER)  
2011 DUPONT AVENUE SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

- Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Chapter of Your Choice
- \$100 Degree Fee Goes Entirely to Your Chapter
- Ceremony Conferred by Active DeMolays
- Membership Patent and Lapel Pin
- All Masons are Eligible

REGISTER BY MAY, 13  
[MNDEMOLAY.ORG](http://MNDEMOLAY.ORG)

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## Scottie Awards and Workers' Feast: Celebrate You Brother

It has been another great year for our Valley! Another season of 62 performances to confer the 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite upon our Brothers!

Countless hours have gone into learning dialog, songs, impeccable maintenance of costumes, lighting and sound cues, prop and scene setup, meals, building upkeep, and so many other areas that we need to take a night to sit back, relax, and celebrate the Brothers who keep this Valley operating. And just who are these Brothers? If you are a member of this Valley it is YOU we are gathering to recognize and celebrate! This is an event for all Brothers, even those we haven't seen for a long time.

This year we are going to recognize more than just degrees and hospitality, choir and technical crews. This year I challenge you to come to the Feast with a story to recognize a Brother of this Rite who has helped you during the year whether it was at Lodge or your home. Share with us those stories so we can celebrate those who work behind the scenes of our Craft along with those who work directly on the stage.

Join us Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 for social hour, dinner, and awards!

Celebrate your Rite.  
Celebrate your Valley.  
Celebrate your Brother.

## Happy Birthday Don

