



Ritual Corner

Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren.

The summer is a great time to recharge and enjoy the warm weather. As the summer moves into August, it is time to prepare for the Fall class of Scottish Rite degrees. The degrees begin again on August 23, 2018 when the 4th, 5th, and 6th degrees of the Lodge of Perfection start the journey toward becoming a Master of the Royal Secret for our new Scottish Rite Brethren.

As we move into the Lodge of Perfection degrees, let us look at the 12^o, Master Architect. This degree teaches us to seek wisdom through knowledge. We learn that Wisdom and knowledge bring honor, discretion, and understanding, and that wisdom is a gift from God which should be preferred over riches. Albert Pike states, "Alone, the mind wrestles with the great problem of calamity, and seeks the solution from the Infinite Providence of Heaven, and thus is led directly to God." Morals & Dogma, pg. 189. Important symbols of this degree are the tools of the architect.

Seeking wisdom through the degrees of the Scottish Rite is a great way to continue our journey toward Masonic Light. We can find knowledge and Wisdom through the degrees on Thursdays at the Minneapolis Valley. I hope that you will join us as part of your Masonic journey. I look forward to seeing you at the Rite.

Fraternally,
Lee E. Kielblock,
32^o, K.:C.:C.:H.:



E-News

Jason L. Lang, 32^oM.:R.:S.:

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What a spring! I think it was one day between the 17th of snow in late April and our first of many 90 degree days this summer.

The passing of my dear sister Deanna to dementia. The disease no one should have to experience.

Our son's graduation from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks in Aviation in May. His dream since he was 3 years old. How many of us have known and worked at our goal at such an early age and then not only pursued it but achieved it. Way to go Christian.

Some of us have wanted to be part of Masonry since we attended our first parade or circus and saw the go-carts, motorcycles, drum corps, bag pipes or clowns. What got me was attending my first circus in grade school and my friend Carl Rendahl's dad was a Shriner and was able to upgrade our seats and the overall experience of the circus. Years passed and while I worked in sales, one of the sales guys, Phil Snethen, became a Mason and joined the Scottish Rite and would give small glimpses of what he experienced with brotherhood. Phil passed away shortly after receiving his 32^o. When I started asking more questions, John Benson was there to answer them and steer me to a blue lodge that fit my work schedule and was situated between my home in Southwest Minneapolis and office in Eden Prairie.

The blue lodge was welcoming and friendly. Guys willing to listen, mentor and encourage you to get involved with so many appendant bodies to teach, inspire and allow you to pursue your passions. Thank you one and all for the little things that make a difference in life's journey.

Fraternally,
Steven J. Stromsness, 33^o IGH
Venerable Master
Lodge of Perfection



Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Fall Degree Cycle

Fall starts a new cycle of degrees at the Scottish Rite. Starting with the Lodge of Perfection Degrees, 4th-14th. Thursday's August 23rd with the 4°, 5°, and 6°, then August 30th with the 7°, 8°, and 9°, followed by the 10° and 11° on September 6th, then the 12° and 13° on September 13th. Culminating with the 14° on September 20th.

Mark your calendars for Saturday September 22, Feast of Tishri, All are Welcome.

Make your reservation by calling 612-871-1500 or emailing jackie@asrmmn.org.

2018 Membership Class and Member Reconciliation

- The Spring Class was named for Illustrious Brother Lawrence Walter Bachman, 33°.
 - The Two-Day Reunion Class and Fall Class was named for Illustrious Brother James Orlin Burlingame, 33° Grand Cross.
 - The Fall Class will be named after Illustrious Brother John (Jack) Norman Beaver, 33°.
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Fifty-Year Scottish Rite Members:

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Fellow Knights,

As we emerge from our summer darkness and embark on our new season of degrees, it will surely be a pleasure to see and greet many of you that have been missed through these months.

And as we begin, our Knights are often asked to fill many roles inside the Valley. I am sure this year will be no different. We are first very happy to be helping to fill some areas of need that some of our white hatted Brothers have been managing in the past. Let's keep up the good work and continue the fine service these men have given to us over the years. It is an honor to follow in their stead.

I will ask again that any Brothers who are members of our KSA to please reach out to me or our secretary if you are not receiving emails and communications. We are as strong as our numbers; let us make sure we are all counted. We would also like to ask those who have received honors to please keep in contact and attend meetings when you can. Your help and guidance is essential to our growth and maintaining our standards of practice within the Valley. We certainly need each other to both be successful and fruitful for years to come.

God gave us the gift of life; it is up to us to give ourselves the gift of living well. 'Voltaire'

I look forward to seeing all my fellow Knights in the months to come as we live well together!!

Brad Pohlman 32° M.:R.:S.:
Knight Commander
Knights of St. Andrew of the Minneapolis Valley

From the Desk of the Editor

If you have anything to say about your Rite brothers should know about, please let me know. This is your Newsletter so speak up. Any event that would be of interest please submit it to me at

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David C. Shaffer,
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Editor of the Sun





**Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Valley of Minneapolis, Minnesota
The Officers of the Minneapolis Lodge of Perfection
request the pleasure of your company
for dining, toasts, and celebration at the annual**

Feast of Tishri

**Saturday, September Twenty-second, Two thousand eighteen
Social time five-thirty p.m.; cash bar available —
Banquet six-fifteen p.m., with program to follow
Fifty-Year Membership Awards, Class Naming, and Ring Ceremony.**

**Meal choices: Prime Rib of Beef, or Salmon — Reservations required
\$35.00 per plate**

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2011 Dupont Avenue South
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If the Building Could Talk

In the spirit of keeping our membership up to date on the renovations happening in our building here is a brief overview.

The main lounge has been due for updating and a “face lift”; after forty to fifty years change is in order. We are shifting from the “smoker lounge” look to a more timeless, classic style. We hope you will enjoy our new look.

The other area due for change is the Candidates Room. We are creating a better use of the space which includes constructing a large multi-purpose storage area.

This will enable us to store props, chairs, tables, etc., rather than randomly scattered in open spaces throughout the building.

Better management of space affords us more opportunities to improve the function and flow through the entire building.

Our goal was to be finished in time for our Fall Class, however, as the saying goes, “the best laid plans...”.

We believe our new look will compensate for any inconvenience and so “please pardon our dust!”.

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Calendar / Red Room

04 Sep Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting
06 Sep 10°, 11° /
Hennepin County Sheriff Rick Stanek
13 Sep 12°, 13° /
**Ill. Mark Hailer, 33° IGH and
Brad Pohlman, 32°**
20 Sep 14°
22 Sep Feast of Tishri - Open Event
14° Ring Ceremony
50 year / class name recognition
27 Sep 15°, 16° KSA Meeting

02 Oct Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting
04 Oct 17°, 18°
06 Oct Rite Care Gala
11 Oct 19°, 20°
18 Oct 21°, 22°
25 Oct 23°, 24° KSA Meeting

01 Nov 25°, 26°
06 Nov Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting
08 Nov 27°
10 Nov Council Feast
15 Nov 28°, 29°
22 Nov Dark / Thanksgiving
29 Nov 30° KSA Meeting

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