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FROM THE DESK OF MARK EVAN PREWETT, 32 M.:R.:S.: EDITOR FOR THE SUN

Welcome to another exciting year at the Scottish Rite! In this edition of the SUN, we have a report from our Bucketlisters on their trip to Chicago Valley in the Northern Jurisdiction, a fantastic FAQ from our wardrobe committee, an excerpt from the speech given after the conferral of the 33rd Degree last November, a notice from our KSA Commander, our ever faithful Ritual Corner, and a special announcement about about the upcoming heads of bodies meeting in March, where dues will be set for 2021.

On the next page is the calendar for the rest of 2020. Please note, there are changes from the December-November 2020 calendar that are highlighted in red.



MESSAGE FROM THE KNIGHT COMMANDER



It is with great pleasure to report that WB William Solberg and myself represented our Minneapolis Valley well by attending the Bethel #9 Stated Communications on December 17th. The Supreme Bethel Honor Queen, Gabbi Dimatteo was in attendance as well. On behalf of the KSA, we had the distinct honor to hand deliver a check in the amount of \$200.00 to help offset expenses incurred during her travel duties as Supreme Bethel Honor Queen. Oh sure, we know \$200.00 is not going to take her travels far, so we did request matching funds from the powers that be but was denied. However, before you roll your eyes in disgust, those powers brought the same request up to the atten-

tion of the board who hold the purse strings at LADD fund. The board voted to contribute graciously an additional \$2,500.00 to her fund! Gabbi does have stipulations on how those funds are realized, but what an incredible donation! On behalf of the KSA and the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite, we congratulate Gabbi on her accomplishment in her role as the Supreme Bethel Honor Queen of the World. Gabbi was very honored and was surprised by this generous donation. Thanks to all who were instrumental in making these funds available to her.

Lastly the KSA were honored to serve the Valley during this year's Fall Class. This was a great season as we had visitors that stopped by

from our neighboring Valley in Duluth to see the 29th degree.

Sincerely,

Erech Gallatin, 32° M.:R.:S.:
Knight Commander
Minneapolis Valley



Gabbi Dimatteo, receiving donation from KSA and Minneapolis Valley

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2020 CALENDAR

JANUARY 2020

Thursday 02 5:00 Spring Orientation
6:00 KSA Meeting
Tuesday 07 6:30 Heads of Bodies
7:30 Stated Meeting
Thursday 09 6:00 4°, 5°, & 6°
Thursday 16 6:00 7°, 8°, & 9°
Saturday 18 GL 1 Day to Masonry
Thursday 23 6:30 10° & 11°
Thursday 30 6:30 12° & 13°

FEBRUARY 2020

Tuesday 04 6:00 KSA Meeting
6:30 Heads of Bodies
7:30 Stated Meeting
Thursday 06 6:00 14°
Thursday 13 6:00 15° & 16°
Thursday 20 6:00 17° & 18°
Thursday 27 6:00 19° & 20°

MARCH 2020

Tuesday 03 6:00 KSA Meeting
6:30 Heads of Bodies
7:30 Stated Meeting
Thursday 05 6:00 21° & 22°
Thursday 12 6:00 23° & 24°
Thursday 19 6:00 25° & 26°
Saturday 21 5:00 Rose Croix R & R
Thursday 26 6:00 27°

APRIL 2020

Thursday 02 GL Annual Comm.
Tuesday 07 6:00 KSA Meeting
6:30 Heads of Bodies
7:30 Stated Meeting
Thursday 09 6:00 28° & 29°
Thursday 16 5:00 31°
5:00 Reunion Orientation
Thursday 23 6:00 4° & 14°
Saturday 25 8:00 am 18°, 30°, & 32°
Thursday 30 Dark & OES G.C.

MAY 2020

Tuesday 05 6:00 KSA Meeting
6:30 Heads of Bodies
7:30 Stated Meeting
Saturday 09 4:30 Consistory
Feast

JUNE 2020

Tuesday 02 6:00 KSA Meeting
6:30 Heads of Bodies
7:30 Stated Meeting

JULY 2020

Tuesday 07 6:00 KSA Meeting
6:30 Heads of Bodies
7:30 Stated Meeting

AUGUST 2020

Tuesday 04 6:00 KSA Meeting
6:30 Heads of Bodies
7:30 Stated Meeting
Thursday 13 5:00 Fall Orientation
Thursday 20 6:00 4°, 5°, & 6°
Thursday 27 6:00 7°, 8°, & 9°

SEPTEMBER 2020

Tuesday 07 6:00 KSA Meeting
6:30 Heads of Bodies
7:30 Stated Meeting
Thursday 03 6:00 10° & 11°
Thursday 10 6:00 12° & 13°
Thursday 17 6:00 14°
Saturday 19 5:30 Feast of Tishtri
Thursday 24 6:00 15° & 16°

OCTOBER 2020

Thursday 01 6:00 17° & 18°
Tuesday 06 6:00 KSA Meeting
6:30 Heads of Bodies
7:30 Stated Meeting
Thursday 08 6:00 19° & 20°
Thursday 15 6:00 21° & 22°
Thursday 22 6:00 23° & 24°
Thursday 29 6:00 25° & 26°

NOVEMBER 2020

Tuesday 03 6:00 KSA Meeting
6:30 Heads of Bodies
7:30 Stated Meeting
Thursday 05 6:30 27°
Thursday 12 6:30 28° & 29°
Thursday 19 6:30 30°
Thursday 26 **Dark for Thanksgiving**

DECEMBER 2020

Tuesday 01 6:00 KSA Meeting
6:30 Heads of Bodies
7:30 Stated Meeting
Thursday 03 6:00 31°
Thursday 10 4:30 32°
Thursday 17 **Dark**
Thursday 24 **Dark**

DUES NOTICE

ARTICLE VIII. Dues

SEC. 1 (a) : The dues of the Minneapolis Lodge of Perfection for the ensuing year will be set each year at the Stated meeting to be held in March. The amount shall be determined by majority vote of the members present at said meeting plus such amounts due the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction for annual assessments a year in advance, beginning January First of each year.

Stated is March 3rd, 2020 to set the dues for 2021.

RITUAL CORNER

Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren. 2019 is past and another year of degrees lies ahead in 2020. Congratulations to all the Directors, Actors, and all the other Committees that make the degrees possible. The degrees of the Fall 2019 class were outstanding. They set a high standard for our ritual work, and I look forward to more of the same excellence for the degrees of 2020.

The 2020 degrees begin with the 4th through 14th degrees of The Lodge of Perfection. These degrees are called the Ineffable Degrees and continue the teachings that we learn in the 3rd degree of Blue Lodge Masonry. Let us take a short look into the 4th Degree, Secret Master.

The degree of Secret Master begins our Masonic journey through the degrees of the Scottish Rite. The 4th

degree introduces us to one of the great lessons in all of Masonry, Duty. "Inflexible as Fate and Exacting as Necessity, Rising with us in the morning and Watching at our pillows at night, Duty is with us always, imperative as Destiny." (p. 16, Bridge to Light, 3rd Edition).

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The duties of a Secret Master are silence, obedience, and fidelity. In this degree we are also introduced to some important Scottish Rite symbols, such as the key of ivory, the blazing star, the great Masonic camp, and the nine Masonic virtues. These lessons and symbols lay the foundation for all the teachings and philosophies of Scottish Rite

Masonry.

I invite you to join us for the degrees of the Spring 2020 class. Come and explore the lessons and symbols of a Secret Master and help our new Scottish Rite Brethren continue their journey toward Masonic Light.

I look forward to seeing you in 2020.

Faternally,

Lee E. Kielblock, 33^o I.:G.:H.:
Ritual Director
Minneapolis Valley



bucketlist

SECOND BUCKET LIST EFFORT ALSO A WINNER!

Following a successful trip to St. Peter to become members of, and learn about, the Improved Order of Redmen, the Bucketlist Group took another trip - this time to Chicago!

A group of intrepid Scottish Rite Bothers from the Southern Jurisdiction traveled to the Valley of Chicago (Northern Jurisdiction) to witness and learn about their work. We were treated with the greatest of Brotherly Love and generosity by our hosts.

Throughout the day we were given the equivalent of “all access backstage passes” to tour the incredible facilities. From the backstage and rigging, through the properties and costuming area, into the lighting and sound control booths. We roamed the building during intermissions between the six degrees that were presented at their reunion. The Brothers there are as justifiably proud of their facilities and Rite as we are.

The degrees held familiar lessons but were very different from our work. All agreed it was an amazing educational experience. I'd be remiss if I didn't note that our Brother Alan Betker (a dual member) had a significant role, and our own Mike Miller also had a nice cameo role. Great job, guys!

And, as promised, the Bucket Group delivered on fun. A great group evening at the Medinah Shrine started the weekend, and an amazing social time after the 32° allowed us to get to know our Northern Brothers better. Oh, and meals were provided at the Valley that were great.

All in all, a successful excursion. Food, Fun, Fellowship, Ritual and Education!! Just what you'd expect in the Scottish Rite - Right?

Stay tuned for our next adventures. Let us know what's on YOUR Bucketlist!!

Monte Miller, 33° I.G.G.H.:



Stairwell in Chicago Valley with Double-headed Eagle mosaic in background.

Have an idea for the Bucketlist?

Send your tips to

bucketlist@scottish-rite-mpls.org

(preferred)

Or to

Monte Miller (763)522-9250 in a pinch!!

IF WE ARE WHO WE SAY WE ARE

A few years back, my lodge was looking at a new project to support victims of domestic abuse. We went back and forth, discussing the pros and cons in setting up this program. I asked PM Steve Saxton what he thought, and he replied, “You know, Tom, if we are who we say we are, we have to do it.” That comment has stuck with me over the years.

Who do we say we are? We say that we are good men seeking to become better men. We are certain that we are over the age of majority, of good moral character, with a belief in a Supreme Being – after all, the lodge we each joined verified that by a unanimous vote when our petition was approved.

There are about 10,500 Blue Lodge Masons in Minnesota. Out of those 10,500 Masons, about 2,540 have become Scottish Rite Masons, where we have taken new and more extensive obligations as we advanced from the 4th through 32nd degrees of this Rite. We have been taught the Masonic values of duty, integrity, courage, fidelity, honesty, and tolerance.

We are called to rise to the challenge. The Degrees of the Scottish Rite and the writings of Albert Pike, upon which much of the degree language is taken, identify tolerance as a key virtue of Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

Of the 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite shows that Tolerance is mentioned in 15 of them. The lecture in the 10th Degree of our rite especially admonishes us that we are devoted to the cause of the oppressed

against the oppressor, and of Toleration against Intolerance.

The sad fact is that intolerance is on the rise in our country. In October we observed the one-year anniversary of a shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. During Shabbat morning services at the synagogue, a gunman killed eleven and injured six in what is now the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in American history. But that is in Pittsburgh. Surely here—Minnesota Nice and all—we don’t have those issues.

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Minnesota in general, and Minneapolis in particular, has a long history of anti-Semitism. From the 1930’s to the start of World War II, anti-Semitic “Silver Shirts” flourished in Minnesota. It is estimated that in 1936, there were 800 Silver Shirts in Minneapolis, and 6,000 statewide, with a stated purpose of driving Jews from America.

It was extremely difficult for Jewish doctors to practice in the Twin Cities until Mount Sinai Hospital was founded in 1951. But that was in the 30’s – 40’s – 50’s! Surely, we have come a long way since then!

In February 2017, several anti-Semitic incidents were reported at the University of Minnesota, including the distribution of a flyer promoting a neo-Nazi publication which stated: White Man: Are you sick and tired of the Jews destroy-

ing your country?

Swastikas, the symbols that our Greatest Generation sacrificed so much to defeat, routinely end up on private and public property.

Members of the Jewish faith are not the only victims. Two Illinois men, members of a white supremacy group call the White Rabbits, pled guilty to bombing an Islamic Center in Bloomington in 2017 and this November, another mosque was vandalized in Minneapolis.

As Masons, and especially as Scottish Rite Masons, we are duty bound to exercise moral courage, that is, the courage to take action for moral reasons despite the risk of adverse consequences. It is the right thing to do, but it is also a matter of enlightened self-interest. Brother Harold Stassen, youngest person ever elected Governor of Minnesota, has written that “Whoever kindles the flames of intolerance in America is lighting a fire underneath his own home.” Brother Samuel Clemons, also known as Mark Twain, has written “It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare.”

As Masons and more especially as Scottish Rite Masons, we have vowed to practice moral courage when the situation presents itself. So, if we are who we say we are, we must practice out of the Lodge those great moral lessons which are inculcated in it.

Thomas McCarthy, 33° I.:G.:H.:



Brothers in front of a stained glass window, taking part in the BucketList event where they visited Chicago Valley during their Northern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite Reunion. Pictured: Stephen Kesler, Mike Miller, David Kampf, Ed Perlman, Greg Vokovan, Monte Miller, Alan Betker, Martin Justin Thompson, John Antl, Kay Moss, and Byron Pope.

WARDROBE COMMITTEE FAQ

Q: Why isn't there any candy in the candy dish, and why isn't it the kind I like ?

A: The Minneapolis Valley does not provide candy. That is through donations from brothers just like you. We accept bags of candy or cash donations for this purpose.

Q: Why don't the (Fill in the blank) get replaced ?

A: As with any entity with a budget there are priorities and we do the best we can. If there is anything you would like prioritized we certainly welcome cash donations toward wardrobe and make-up improvements. After all, the greatest nation on Earth is "donation".

Q: How can one use the costumes for non-degree use such as a party ?

A: Not possible. Costumes are exclusively for Scottish Rite Masonic degree use .

Q: What's a good way to get involved with degrees ?

A: Come to Wardrobe before degrees ! Degree Directors often need help and if you are already in Wardrobe it makes it easy for them to choose you !

Q: What is the tour policy for Wardrobe and Make-Up ?

A: For the safety of guests Wardrobe and Make-Up is normally an area that is not shown to visitors. There are too many sharp things that can cause injury if not handled properly. Tours are also discouraged on degree nights due to how busy we get and we don't want someone's first impression of us to be that they are in the way. If you would like to take someone through Wardrobe and Make-Up please make prior arrangements with the Committee Chair.

Q: What interesting things are happening in the near future ?

A: The work on updating the degree book continues. As you can imagine with hundreds of roles and costumes it is a long process. Also the old computer from the mid 1990s has had its data downloaded to another form. There are many other changes coming and think you will like them.

Q: Could you make an obscure reference that only one person will get ?

A: APRONS ???!!! THIS... IS... SCOTTISH... RITE !!!

As always we love to hear from you so feel free to stop by. Thanks !!

Brother Juniper, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:., Wardrobe Committee



Pictured from left to right row 1: David M. Sodergren, Tracey E. Anderson, Ronald W. Johnson, Myron V. Crawford, David W. Scott, and Patterson P. Nyenetue, Jr. Row 2 from left to right: Brian F. Campbell, Frederick Williams, Bob O. Torbenson, Otho J. Hicks, Kelley A. Carlson, and William E. Harris.

APPENDANT BODY CELEBRATIONS

The phrase “appendant body” seems to only be used in conjunction with various Masonic affiliated groups. Membership in an appendant body requires good standing as a 3° Mason. Definitions of appendant include 1. hanging, attached, or adjunct; 2. associated with in a subordinate capacity; or 3. related by cause or purpose; consequent. The Scottish Rite is thereby an appendant body, or herein referred to “appendage”, or “arm”, of the “body” of Freemasonry. The Council of Kadosh becomes a “hand” of the appendage. And each degree within the Council becomes a “finger” on the hand on the arm of the body. The terminal degree (or “last finger”) is key for each hand.

The last finger on the Council of

Kadosh hand, the 30th Degree. It asks us to consider our own mortality and reinforces the lessons of all previous degrees. It also reminds us of the lessons we learned in our symbolic Lodges. This finger also clearly calls out the heroic and

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historically significant actions of the Knights Templar and their last Grand Commander, Jacque DeMolay. The Order of DeMolay, our Masonic sponsored male youth group, takes its name from that history. I am a Senior DeMolay. The objective of making good young men better permeates the

teachings of the Order of DeMolay.

The degree roles within our last finger echo back to the lessons within DeMolay. The Council of Kadosh has Preceptors (three) in our hand and also in our 30th finger, and in DeMolay ritual there are also Preceptors, each representing a particular virtue. It is fulfilling and reinforcing to reexperience the degrees of our arm within all hands of our Scottish Rite. The inspiration for our Masonic lessons is truly guided by the will of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Bradford Roberts,
32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
2nd Lieutenant Commander



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