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Calendar / Red Room

03 March Stated Meeting
Lodge Annual Meeting
05 March 21°, 22° / **Orient of Minnesota**
12 March 23°, 24° / **National Sojourners**
14 March Remembrance and Renewal Feast
19 March 25°, 26° / KSA Meeting / **DeMolay**
26 March Dark / Grand Lodge Annual
02 April Dark / Maundy Thursday
05 April Easter Ceremony / Breakfast Open Event
07 April Stated Meeting / Chapter Annual Meeting
09 April 27° / **Master Craftsman / Educational Lodge**
16 April 28°, 29° / **Lodge Installation**
23 April 30° / **Mural Lecture**
30 April Dark / Grand Chapter OES
05 May Stated Meeting / **Chapter Installation**
07 May 31° / Class Meets with Valley
09 May 4°, 14°, 18°, 30°, 32° One Day Reunion
14 May Consistory Feast / Scottie Awards Open Event
28 May Knight of Saint Andrew Meeting
02 June Stated Meeting
25 June Knights of Saint Andrew Meeting
07 July Stated Meeting / Council Annual
30 July Knights of Saint Andrew Meeting
04 August Stated Meeting
20 August 4°, 5°, 6° Fall Class Begins

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Master of Kadosh

Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Double Eagles

Our Valley is off to a great 2015 with a spring class of 20 Brothers seeking Further Light in Masonry. All of the Double Eagles are actively working with their respective lodges and Brethren to keep them engaged with the happenings of the Scottish Rite and answer any of their questions. Although your lodge's Double Eagle is the primary liaison between the Minneapolis Valley and your lodge, all Scottish Rite Brothers should support them in spreading the good works of our beloved Valley. There are several lodges that we are still looking for an active Scottish Rite Mason to take on the role of Double Eagle. You can find the list of Double Eagles on the Valley web site. If your lodge is not listed and you know of a person that would be a great Double Eagle, please let us know.

As this will be our 100th year in our home on Franklin and DuPont (which is listed on the National Register of Historical Places), we are looking forward to this spring's One-Day Reunion on Saturday, 9 May. This is a day to come down and support our candidates, visit old friends, reconnect with the Valley and enjoy a part of our 100 years in this beautiful building. This One-Day Reunion is also a great opportunity for our Brothers from out-state lodges to become a Scottish Rite Mason, participate in our degrees and come together with old friends. Please spread the word about the One-Day Reunion on Saturday, 9 May; it will be a day you will not want to miss.

Curt Quast 32°

Double Eagle, Co-Chair

From the Desk of the Editor

Brethren if you would like to help with the Sun please contact me as I am looking for an Assistant.

Your articles for our publication are truly welcome and I wish to thank all of those who have submitted their articles. This publication is for your edification and to help each and every one of you stay up to date with what has happened and what is going to happen in your Valley.

--David Shaffer 32° Editor

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P-O-L

After the evening is over, after the robes are rehung in their respective places, after the dinner dishes are washed and put away and silence falls in the inner and outer chambers, just one remaining chore is to be performed before the long nights rest.

One appointed member of the brotherhood who meets in our edifice makes one final pass through, making sure everyone is safely out and all the lights are in their respective positions, "on" or "off".

The lighting in the building has been plotted in such a manner so as to be extinguished throughout in the fewest steps and in the safest path. While performing this task our sentinel has no reason to veer neither to the left nor to the right. All switching devices are within arm's reach on a lighted route.

This path traveled by our Brother is, for lack of a better term, dubbed "the PATH OF LIGHT"; no Masonic pun intended!

This is neither magic nor smoke and mirrors, merely an electrical device called an occupancy sensor. It senses motion and body heat and after a predetermined time of the lack of either element, it turns itself off.

The Brethren working on updating our temple are utilizing energy savings devices and perhaps are saving us from bumping into something in the dark--- or maybe--- things that go bump in the night.

"P-O-L" (path of life)

Consistory Installation



Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Notes from the S.G.I.G.

Illustrious Jerry B. Oliver, 33° Active, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, is pleased to announce the appointment of Br. Mike Miller, 32° to the position of Membership Chair for the Orient of Minnesota.

Mike has a great deal of experience in Masonic membership, already holding key positions on the Membership Committees of the Grand Lodge and Zuhrah Shrine. He has become an active and important member of the Minneapolis Valley and has recently joined the line of the Minneapolis Consistory.

Mike will work closely with Illustrious Br. Ed Perlman who has been appointed as Membership Chair for the Valley of Minneapolis. Together, with the help of the Brothers of the Minneapolis Valley, they will work diligently to address the issues of Recruitment, Involvement and Retention.

We know you will give your full support to Mike as he takes on this very important task. There will be some exciting new things happening in the coming year.

Any Brothers interested in working on the Membership Committee, particularly in the area of outreach, please contact Mark or Jackie at the office.

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



Fall Class 2014

We are pleased to note that a number of new Masters of the Royal Secret from the Fall 2014 class are already taking an active role in bringing Further Light in Masonry to the members of the Spring 2014 class.

We are all aware of the many opportunities to become involved in the Degree work. A Scottish Rite Degree requires many different committees to perform the level of work that has become a signature of our Valley.

Along with the many acting parts, there is a need for Brothers working on the lighting, sound, properties and wardrobe committees. Dining room and Choir Brothers help to make Thursday Night Rite Night. Broaden your fraternal experience and join us.

Among the Fall 2014 Graduates, Brandon Gerstner, Templar No. 176 and Thomas Walker of Lake

Harriet No. 277 have become an important part of those Thespians who entertain us.

Cary Bacall, as a new member of the Lighting Committee and Omar Olson, newly of the Choir has become welcome editions.

Ritual Corner

The spring class is rolling along and there have been some great degrees so far with more yet to come. We are now working through the degrees of the Council of Knights Kadosh which have some of my favorite degrees.

Let us look at the beginning of the Council degrees, the 15°, Knight of the East, of the Sword, or of the Eagle. In this degree we find Prince Zerubbabel beseeching the Babylonian King Cyrus to free the people of Israel. This degree teaches Fidelity to trust, honor, and duty. It also teaches Perseverance and constancy under difficulties and discouragements. Albert Pike states, "...one of those laws, uttered by God's voice, and speaking through every nerve and fiber, every force and element, of the moral constitution, He has given us, is that we must be upright and virtuous; that if tempted we must resist; that we must govern our unruly passions, and hold in hand our sensual appetites...." (Morals and Dogma, pg. 239).

Please join use for the degrees of the Spring class. Learn the lessons of the degrees. There are some profound lessons to be learned and these degrees demonstrate those lessons in spectacular fashion. 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*





From the Personal Representative

Scottish Rite Math

Some years ago, one of our Brethren offered an off the script congratulation to the members of the class just before the closing of the 16°. He congratulated the class on reaching the half way point in their quest for Light in Scottish Rite Masonry – 16 degrees completed, 16 to go. The congratulations and the math were well received and have continued as a tradition at the conclusion of the 16° in our Valley.

The completion of the 18° – Knight Rose Croix on February 19th, represents a different half way point for our Class and our Spring session of Degrees. The Degrees of two Bodies of the Rite completed – the Lodge of Perfection and the Chapter Rose Croix, and the Degrees of two Bodies remain – the Council and the Consistory.

This is indeed accurate math, but not the entire picture. The real lessons of Scottish Rite Masonry live not only in the ritual, but also in the brotherhood built and rebuilt, strengthened and supported each week at the Rite. The enrichment that each Brother experiences in his Journey for Light at the Scottish Rite is – as you might guess – immeasurable and of untold value.

Beware. There will be more Scottish Rite Math later this Spring. With the completion of the 30°, the degrees for three of the four Bodies means that three-quarters will be complete. But the math for 30 of 32 degrees completed means fifteen – sixteenths.

Enough math. How about a crossword puzzle?

So May We Ever ...

Fraternally,
David N. Kampf, 33°
Personal Representative



RiteCare Surges Ahead

RiteCare of Minneapolis-St. Paul program has increased its grant capacity considerably over the past year, thanks in large part to the growing support of Brethren of both Valleys and Minnesota Masonic Charities. This is one of our most important charitable programs, literally opening the future to children with speech and language disorders through grants for treatment. These children and their families are living proof of the power of giving.

In the three years since the RiteCare of Minneapolis-St. Paul Board was formed as a joint undertaking, a total of 63 grants for up to \$5,000 each have been awarded. Of those, 24 grants have been completed, 39 grants are open and in process. Six additional grants are currently being awarded, which will bring the total active grants to 45. Waiting list time is down to under three months, and after the current awards the list stands at 9 applicants.

Fundraising for these grants continues. Support received from individual members of the Scottish Rite has been growing, and impresses individuals and organizations alike that are considering donations. Your support is essential and deeply appreciated by the families you impact and the children whose future you empower.

A fundraising gala in October, 2014, met its target of approximately \$10,000, and plans call for a similar event this fall. We have also begun approaching outside institutions and corporations for sustaining donation commitments. A system is partially implemented to provide the Board with information on the quality of provider service, client satisfaction, and the effectiveness of grants to focus selection and assess effectiveness of grants over time.

And we have barely begun to meet the need. This is a journey you want to be part of, so please consider joining the sustaining members of YOUR charitable organization.

William Neher 32°