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### Calendar / Red Room

**07 July** Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting  
Council Annual  
**30 July** KSA Meeting  
  
**04 Aug** Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting  
**20 Aug** 4°, 5°, 6° Fall Class begins  
**27 Aug** 7°, 8°, 9° / KSA Meeting  
  
**01 Sep** Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting  
**03 Sept** 10°, 11°  
**10 Sept** 12°, 13°  
**17 Sept** 14°  
**24 Sept** 15°, 16° / KSA Meeting

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# Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

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## From the Education Committee

Welcome to the Rite to the newest Masters of the Royal Secret! Please accept our warmest invitation to return to your Rite beginning in August and to join in our Degree Discussions.

This invitation is open to ALL members of Scottish Rite! Join us before, between, and after the Degree presentations for our roundtable discussions of the meanings, history and philosophy reflected in the degrees. We all remember the feeling after we had been raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

We wanted to talk about it! We wanted our questions answered; we wanted to know where to go for more information - more light!

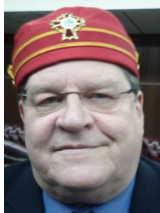
We here on the Education Committee hope to offer a roadmap for you, and guide you through the incredible amount of information presented in our work. We will try to help you formulate the quest for more Light, and help direct your first steps in the journey through the University of Freemasonry. Carl Lidstrom, Vice Chair, Darrell Savage, Class Conductor, our talented and enthusiastic corps of Table Leaders and I all welcome you to join us - whether as the newest member of our Valley or the most experienced Inspector General.

You'll have a great time discussing Masonry and participating in the personal growth that binds us together as a Brotherhood. We learn from each other, and all become better for it! On this 100th Anniversary of our home here in the Minneapolis Temple, our continued goal is to make all welcome to join our labors!

Monte M. Miller,

32° KCCH

Chair, Education Committee



## Library Committee

The Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite library committee is made up of 15 dedicated brothers who are committed to organizing the books, lectures and artifacts in a digitized form for their preservation. It is being done not only to preserve, but also to make available the contents of our library for the benefit of all Masons in Minnesota.

The library is the largest repository of all forms of Masonic literature in the state of Minnesota. A majority of our collection were acquired during Brother Lee's tenure as librarian between 1919 and 1920. It was the aim to make the library a premier resource for Masonic research. It was the wish of our past librarian Brother O. Medford Kelley that the resources be put in a form that could be shared, via an open link accessible 24/7 to all Scottish Rite Valleys, Lodges of Perfection and other appendant bodies throughout the state. To date fewer than 300 books have been digitized with more than 7,000 to go.

To continue this great work we are in need of computers and software as well as the donation of time and effort from our brothers in the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite. If you wish to become involved by helping with a donation or just your time, stop by the library and let us know.

Peter Tomlinson, 32° KCCH  
Librarian



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## From the Desk of the Editor

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.

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David Shaffer 32° Editor

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## Ritual Corner

As you read this, we will have finished another successful class of degrees and the One Day Reunion. Congratulations to all our new Masters of the Royal Secret. As you enjoy the summer, keep in mind that our degrees start up again in August.

Do you have a favorite degree? If so, come and see it during the Fall Class. Have you always wanted to have a part in a degree? Contact me or the Valley Secretary, and we will get your name out to the Degree Directors. Many times, you just need to ask about a part. The Directors are always looking for more and new actors for the degrees. Not an actor, but still want to be involved in a degree? Contact the Valley Secretary to get in touch with the lighting, sound, properties, education, or dining committees. All are happy to get new members to help with degree nights.

The Minneapolis Valley is unique in the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. We present more degrees in a year than most Valleys do in five years. It all happens because of your participation. We love to see our Scottish Rite Brethren on Thursdays. Sign up Brothers from your Lodge to become a Scottish Rite Mason, and come down to join them for the degrees.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock,  
32°, KCCH  
Ritual Director



## Minneapolis Valley to Hold a Court of Honour Dinner Meeting

During the historic occasion of our 100th Anniversary at the current Temple, it seems appropriate to hold a dinner meeting for those who have received Honors (KCCH or IG (Hon)) in our Valley. Make no mistake, this meeting will also offer the real “Kick-off” of the VMAP Program - a program designed to increase membership, Brotherhood, excitement, energy, activity and retention here in our Valley. It will be a “working” dinner meeting, as well as a fun evening.

Presenters will explain the VMAP program, answer questions, and host a general discussion about how best to approach our next century and maintain the vibrancy for which we have become known. Bring any ideas you have on how we may improve!

July 9, 2015 at 6:30 PM is the time. The Minneapolis Valley is the place. Dinner will be \$10 and will be summer fare. The dress code is summer casual - but wear your cap (it should make an impressive photo)!

**WATCH FOR YOUR MAILED INVITATION WHICH WILL ARRIVE MID-JUNE.**

We'll be asking for a reply, so mark your calendar now.

As those of us with the “colored caps” meet and commit to continuing and expending the excellence of the Minneapolis Valley, we'll challenge the KSA and other Brothers to follow our lead! Make sure you are part of this innovative effort!! See you there!!



# Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

## Awards Night

May 14th was night to remember as we honored the workers of the Minneapolis Valley with dinner, speeches, and of course, 13 awards for production, acting, directing, and Degree of the Year.

Attended by 120 Brothers and guests ranging from family and friends to potential candidates, the evening was a fun event filled with light-hearted speeches, jokes, and many heart-felt thank yous.

"Several changes were implemented this year in having fewer award categories, more nominees in most categories, and fewer in others." Noted Brent Reichow, Preceptor of the Consistory. "Most acting categories were expanded to 8 nominees while Rite Stuff was decided to only have the winner. As the planner and host of this year's awards night, I wanted to be true to the spirit of the previous events, but allow for some new ideas. One of those ideas was to invite Brothers to use the dinner speeches to recognize those who have helped them during the year- perhaps they received help moving, or getting a lawn mowed? There is no Scottie for that, but I wanted people to be able to give public credit for those actions. It was wonderful to have Brothers take up a microphone and pay wages to those who have helped them."



After dinner, the auditorium became abuzz with nominees hopeful to take away a trophy, but just as happy when their friends took the honor. Brother Arun Natarajan 32°, and Best New Actor nominee noted that "...it is an honor to be nominated."

## The Year of the Black Hats

This year's nominees and winners yielded an unprecedented number of 32° Scottish Rite Masons nominated across all categories. As Foster Solem, Prior of the Consistory, observed "This shows the great commitment and interest shown by our newest members to embrace what the Minneapolis Valley has to offer." In all, 27 Black Hats were nominated with 8 wins in 12 categories.

## Lifetime Achievement

Some might say that the biggest winner wasn't the man who took

the Lifetime Achievement Award, but the Valley to which he belongs for having him as a member. In either case, Ill. Ed Perlman, know to many as The Black Crow, was duly honored for his service to the Scottish Rite and to Masonry in general.

Ill. Bro. Ed entered Masonry at Ark Lodge in 1992, the Scottish Rite in 1993, and coroneted a 33° IGH in 2009. He has served as Master of Ark Lodge, Prophet Monarch of Selim Grotto, Past President of the Zuhrah Shrine Legion of Honor Degree Team, Past Commander of the Zuhrah Shrine Legion of Honor, RiteCare board, founded the Double Eagle program, served as membership chair for the Valley of Minneapolis and the Orient of Minnesota, as well as being a Past Master of the Consistory.

When notified that he was receiving the honor he recalled thinking "...this isn't for me; this is as award for old men with grey hair... and then I looked in the mirror."

Over the years, Ed has worked tirelessly for many bodies within Masonry and his legacy continues. Not one to rest now that his name is on a plaque in the lounge, Ed has taken on the role of Valley Membership Chair and is actively coordinating between new members and the department chairs to get those members active in the Rite.

## WINNERS

Hospitality- William Neher, 32° • Production- Russell Lane, 32° • KSA- Ryan Regnier, 32°  
Best Actor (New Role)- David Graham, 32° • Best Supporting Actor (Minor Role)- Ed Morse, 32°  
Best Supporting Actor (Lead Role)- Phil Epstein, 32° • Best Actor in a Leading Role- John Curlott, 32°  
Best Director- Lee Love, 32° • Rite Stuff- Mark Anderson, 33° • Lodge of the Year- Minnehaha #165  
Lifetime Achievement- Ed Perlman, 33°  
Degree of the Year- 27th Degree, Knight Commander of the Temple; Don Nolley, 32° KCCH



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## PIKE'S PALS

One memory shared by all of us, was the first time we walked into the Scottish Rite Temple to begin our journey through the twenty-nine degrees of the Rite. Excited as we were by the prospect of taking our next step in the search for Masonic Knowledge, we all felt a subtle anxiety about what lay ahead.

Walking into the candidates room amidst a group of Brothers, awed by the grandeur of our surroundings and unsure of what was expected of us, we looked for guidance as to what to do next. Wouldn't it have been great to have a Brother come up to you, shake your hand and say "Hi, my name is Bill and I'm here to guide you through this. Let's sit down and I will clue you in."

Well, you now have a chance to become Bill, the special Brother who welcomes you to the Valley, answers your questions and is there just for you. The Valley is forming a new committee, Pike's Pals, where you can be that friend that breaks the ice, and makes a new Brother comfortable at the Rite. The one who sits down for a cup of coffee and makes a friend for life. The color of your cap is not important, the hand you hold out is.

Interested, contact the office and be there this fall to welcome a Brother to our home.

## Two Centennial Year Celebrations

For one hundred years, this magnificent edifice on the corner of Franklin and Dupont has been the home of the Minneapolis Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. If you but listen closely, you can hear the voices of thousands of good men who entered this building, seeking and finding Further Light in Masonry. Look and you can see the bright eager faces of Master Masons, meeting, greeting and forming life-long friendships.

Many are long gone, but our pledge, worn inside our rings and within our hearts, Virtus Junxit, mors non seperabit, What virtue has united, death shall not separate, keeps them alive in our hearts.

Now is our time to celebrate our 100th year Centennial, to say to the world, here, for 100 years, good men came to learn, to work, and to give back to the world, the true meaning of faith, hope and charity.

As Personal Representative of the Minneapolis Valley, I encourage each of us to help make this a special year, a year to remember who we are, what we do and how important this Temple is to each of us. We are planning several special events to honor this special occasion.

To commemorate this year, we have created two coins as a memento of the occasion. The first, already minted and viewed below, will be given to every Master Mason who attains the degree of Master of the Royal Secret and to every brother of the Valley who first-lines two petitions. We are looking for 100 Master Masons to become members of our Valley. To assist in attaining this goal, we will be having a special reunion this fall. We are also planning a special event to open up our home to anyone and everyone who wishes.

The second coin, now in the process of being minted, is a coin of rare beauty and significance, and will be offered to all of us in exchange for a Donation which will be used for our building fund to help preserve our Scottish Rite Home. Join with your Brothers and make this a special year for the Minneapolis Valley.



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## CENTENNIAL ORIENTATION NIGHT

Got your calendar handy, mark down August 6. Tell your wife, tell your Lodge Brothers, tell your friends and tell your neighbors, we are having a party. We are celebrating our Centennial and we are showing off our building to one and all.

We will start off at 5:30 with Red's Savoy pizza, followed up by a visit from WB George Washington, Past Master of Alexandria Lodge in Virginia. You have all studied him as General and the first President of our County. Now learn about George Washington, the man and Mason and the impact of Freemasonry on the founding of our nation.

This will be followed by a tour of the building that should be of great interest to anyone who does not know our fascinating history. Anyone who has expressed an interest or that you think would benefit from becoming a Mason can not fail to be impressed.

The event is free to everyone except Scottish Rite Brothers and their wives. The cost is a whopping \$5.00 for all you can stuff Red's Savoy pizza.

This is always a fun event and should be really special for our Centennial. Committee heads will be showing off their departments, KSA and the Double Eagles will be working to make this a fun event and all we need is you and yours.

Presented By The Double Eagles

The Knights of Saint Andrew.



## VMAP - Not Just Another Acronym

VMAP stands for "Valley Membership Achievement Project" which was developed by the Supreme Council based on input from Valleys across the United States. The focus of the work is to help each Valley carry out its service to the Scottish Rite by delivering the best experience to its members. VMAP has ten areas of focus that represent all aspects of operations within the Scottish Rite and are listed below:

1. Membership Recruitment
2. New Member Engagement
3. Degree Conferral Proficiency
4. Reunion Experience
5. Scottish Rite Education for Candidates
6. Scottish Rite Education for Members
7. Officer Responsibilities and Engagement
8. Philanthropy and Public Image
9. Membership Retention
10. Valley Organizations

Brent Reichow and I, at the request of Personal Representative, David Kampf, completed an assessment of the Minneapolis Valley back in early February to determine where we have opportunities for improvement based on the VMAP project criteria. The good news is that we rock the VMAP world in most of the areas of focus but, we identified opportunities for significant improvement within other areas. Excited by these opportunities, we assembled a VMAP tactical team and are in the process of finalizing a strategic plan to make Minneapolis Valley the greatest it can be! This is your Scottish Rite and we need all hands on deck. VMAP is a great tool to give focus for each Valley across the United States, and everyone's plan will be unique to the local Valley. This is an exciting opportunity for YOU, my Brothers, to get involved. Look for more communication in the coming weeks on how YOU can make "Happy Valley" one of the best in the country!

If you are interested in getting involved with the VMAP project contact Brent Reichow at [brent@escapecorp.com](mailto:brent@escapecorp.com) or Russell Lane at [barraadventures@yahoo.com](mailto:barraadventures@yahoo.com) For more in depth information follow the VMAP Link: <http://scottishrite.org/vmap/>

Russell Lane 32°



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# Centennial Orientation Night

August 6<sup>th</sup> 2015

5:30 Social and Pizza

6:30 Entertainment

We will have a visit from the Celestial Lodge by  
WB George Washington to Commemorate our Centennial

**\$5.00 Scottish Rite Bros.**

(Spouses and Significant Others)

**All other Guests are FREE**

This includes non Masons interested in the Craft and your Lodge Brothers who  
may be interested in the Scottish Rite.

RSVP to [office@scottish-rite-mpls.org](mailto:office@scottish-rite-mpls.org)

Or 612-871-1500





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