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MEMBERSHIP

<u>BIG</u> <u>TENT</u> <u>PARTY</u> <u>TIME</u>

On April 5th, the Minneapolis Valley will be hosting any and all Minnesota Masons to an exciting event featuring a unique Scottish Rite presentation of the Knight Commander of the Temple. There will be special emphasis on greeting members of Zuhrah Shrine, especially those have not yet enrolled in the "University of Freemasonry".

The evening will begin with dinner starting at 4:30 pm. All quests not yet members of the Scottish Rite will dine gratis thanks to the Brothers of The Knights of St. Andrew. This will be followed by a Red **Room Presentation** by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota, Most Worshipful John Studell.

Next they will treated to a Representation of one of our more outstanding performances. with a cast of dozens (couldn't round up thousands), with feature players, Illustrious Jerry B. Oliver and Jim Burlingame Jr., past and present Potentates of Zuhrah Shrine.

The evening will be capped by a social hour with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar in the lower lounge.

For details of the times, date and other pertinent info, check out the flyer accompanying this article.

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Beyond the Blue Lodge

Join us for a representation of the "Knight Commander of the Temple"



RSVP Required for All Non-Rite Members for Dinner Registration Opens at 4:00pm

Special Dinner Price for Non-Rite Masons - \$6

Dinner 4:30-5:45 pm	Red Room 5:45-6:15 pm

Performance 6:30 pm

Social until 10:00 pm

RSVP to 612-871-1500 or email the Scottish Rite: Office@Scottish-rite-mpls.org

Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar until 10pm

Minneapolis Valley, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite 2011 Dupont Avenue South,



RITE INFORMATION

DOUBLE EAGLES

"Brethren, I am sure each of you are aware of the Adopted Degrees taken on by many of the lodges who retain membership here at the Minneapolis Valley. These Adopted Degrees serve the Valley and Blue Lodges in several ways. As we all know each week Dozens of Scottish Rite Brethren take the time to come down and help put on these Degrees and share with the Candidates those lessons we all hope to learn and follow in our lives.

By taken on the Role of Adopting these Degrees, Lodges and their Scottish Rite members help by serving these Degrees and those who put them on, sometimes by becoming directly involved themselves or by just coming down and sitting on the sidelines in support of all those who commit themselves to do the work each week.

They also serve to encourage those lodges to gather as Brethren and enjoy the camaraderie of the Rite as a Lodge and participate and spend time with one another. For as we all know, this is "Your Scottish Rite" and we need each of you to be a part of it to keep it strong and viable. I hope that each of you will take the time to come down and see some of the finest work done in all the Southern Jurisdiction, whether it be during your Lodges Adopted Degree night or not, but more so if it is, as it is your obligation to support these nights. If you lodge doesn't have an adopted degree yet, there are still a few available.

As always I look forward to seeing each of you at the Rite and if I or any of the Double Eagles can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to ask!"

WB Terrance M Schaffer Chairman, Double Eagle Committee Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite



RITE DEGREE WORK

Joining a Scottish Rite valley is much more than just attaining the 32nd degree and Becoming a Master of the Royal Secret. When you join, you become a part of a special Brotherhood within the Masonic Fraternity.

After receiving the degrees, one of the best things I did was to continue being at the Rite every Thursday I could be there. At first it was just because I wanted to see the degrees again, and I was a dedicated sideliner. This allowed me to meet Brothers from all around the Twin Cities and the State. The social aspect of the Rite has become one of my favorite parts of my Thursday nights. After a time, I was asked to take part in the degrees and this introduced me to another layer of the social aspects of the Rite.

Each degree team is like a special club, and you really

get to have fun and get to know the Brothers during the rehearsals and the degree performances. From conversation in wardrobe, to dinner on rehearsal nights, being a part of a degree team builds camaraderie amongst the Brothers and is a lot of fun. I see the same thing amongst the Brothers on all the different Committees at the Rite. The Brothers of the Lighting crew, the Sound crew, Properties, Dining, Education, all have a great time together. These Brothers get to know each other and enjoy being together on Thursdays at the Rite. It is seeing old friends and meeting new friends as more Brothers join the Committee.

Come down on Thursdays at the Minneapolis Valley and meet new Brothers. Watch the degrees from the sidelines or join a committee. Sit in the lounge between degrees and enjoy the social aspects of meeting new Brothers and having great conversations. This is a fun aspect of the Rite and makes it seem like a second Masonic home for me. I look forward to seeing you at the Rite!

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



RITE CARE—CELBRATING THE CRAFT (CTC)

CTC is an evening of entertainment and learning that showcases Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite, and the talents and accomplishments of Brothers throughout the Southern Jurisdiction.

CTC features performances by Scottish Rite brothers and interviews with families and clinicians from our <u>RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program</u> (SRCLP). We also video chat with Valleys celebrating around the nation.

Giving to CTC

Donors may choose to split their gift 50/50 between:

- 1. Scottish Rite 501(c)(3) charities in their Valley to be distributed by the Valley Secretary; and
- 2. the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc.

All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. The <u>House of the Temple Historic</u> <u>Preservation Foundation, Inc.</u>, supports the <u>Rebuilding the Temple Campaign</u> to preserve and restore the historic House of the Temple. All donors will receive a letter of acknowledgement of their tax-deductible donation.



RITUAL CODE PART ONE

The Ritual Code on the Kensington Rune Stone

By Scott F. Wolter, P.G. Abstract

This paper presents the detailed description of a recent discovery by the author he calls the, "Ritual Code on the Kensington Rune Stone." The existence of another new code embedded within the inscription was first realized by the author during the lecture portion of the Select Master Degree, the second of three degrees within the "Cryptic Degrees" of York Rite Freemasonry. Skeptics of the artifact's authenticity will no doubt claim the inscription was the work of a York Rite Freemason in the late 19th Century. However, the geological weathering study and microscopic examination conducted by the author, a forensic geologist, independently replicated the geological findings of Professor Newton H. Winchell, who in 1909 declared the inscription genuine and not a late 19th Century hoax. The inscription was found by both geologists to be many centuries old. Subsequent historical, epigraphic and linguistic evidence published by the author reasonably dates the inscription to the 14th Century. The author will demonstrate how the "Kensington Rune Stone Ritual Code" reveals that the author of the inscription was initiated in the Egyptian Mysteries of Isis and Osiris. The author will also argue the artifact was the creation of a medieval monk, most likely Cistercian, who was formally educated in Scandinavia. The discovery of the code provides a new framework for understanding the symbolic, allegorical, and practical aspects of the inscription.

Background Information

The Kensington Rune Stone was discovered by a Swedish immigrant farmer named Olof Ohman, who was clearing trees in preparation for farming on his property in what is now near Kensington, Minnesota, in the fall of 1898. As the tree fell, it pulled a 202-pound stone out of the ground that was tightly wrapped in its roots. The flat tabular-shaped stone contained a twelve-line inscription carved in Scandinavian runes thought to chronicle a journey to the interior of North America in 1362.

The authenticity of the artifact has been hotly debated since its discovery. Scandinavian linguists and runologists have generally concluded the artifact is a hoax citing it was created by a recent Scandinavian immigrant attempting to bolster their heritage. Factual evidence to support a late 19th Century origin for the artifact has yet to materialize.

In 1909, Professor Newton H. Winchell, the first State Geologist of Minnesota, performed a geological examination of the artifact and concluded the weathering of the inscription was consistent with 500 years and it was authentic. Winchell's conclusion was independently replicated by the author who by comparing the weathering with dated slate tombstones, concluded the weathering of the rune stone inscription was older than 200 years from the time of the discovery. Further, the author has provided detailed historical, epigraphic, linguistic and runological evidence that shows the inscription is consistent with a late 14th century creation date and the stone likely served as a land claim.

To aid the reader, a current translation of the Kensington inscription with the eight numbers (in bold) believed to be part of a "Ritual Code" is provided for reference:

Face Side

1. 8 Götalanders and 22 Northmen on

2. (this) acquisition journey / taking up land from

- 3. Vinland far to the west. We
- 4. had a camp by **2** shelters **one**

5. day's journey north from this stone.

6. We were fishing **one** day. After

7. we came home we found **10** men red

- 8. from blood and death. AVM
- 9. Save from evil.

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RITUAL CODE PART 1 - CONT.

Split Side

10. There are **10** men by the inland sea to look

11. after our ships **14** days journey

12. from this hill. Year 1362

The author has written about an event that occurred in 1926 where ten businessmen, at least eight of them being Freemasons, held a large rally near the Ohman Farm in an effort to raise \$300,000 to build a 204foot tall obelisk to house the Kensington Rune Stone. The reasons why these Brothers felt compelled to complete such a monumental task was never been made clear. The author will offer some new insights into their possible motives later in the paper.



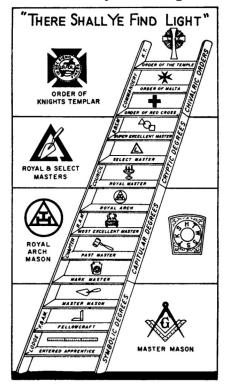
The face side of the Kensington Rune Stone that contains nine lines of text carved in Scandinavian runes. (Wolter, 2013)



The split side of the Kensington Rune Stone with three lines of text that includes the date 1362 carved using Pentadic numbers in Arabic placement. (Wolter, 2013)

Introduction

It appears the first eight numbers chronicled within the Kensington Rune Stone (KRS) inscription are connected to the Masonic legend of Hiram Abiff; the Grand Architect who oversaw the construction of King Solomon's Temple, and to the Select Master degree of Cryptic Council degree of York Rite Freemasonry. Prior to my becoming a Freemason, none of the information presented in this paper would have made much sense to me and even if it did. I wouldn't have fully understood it. However, since becoming initiated as a Master Mason in the "Blue Lodge" on November 21, 2015, which consists of the first three degrees of Freemasonry, and being initiated as both a Scottish Rite and York Rite Mason, my Masonic education in the ritual degrees is now quite extensive. To help the reader better understand how these two branches work, I'll try to explain them. The first three degrees of Blue Lodge also serve as the first three degrees of both York Rite which has a total of 13 degrees, and as substitute for the Scottish Rite, which has a total of thirty-two degrees.



This graphic shows the thirteen degrees of York Rite Freemasonry. The first three degrees are called the "Blue Lodge", the next four are called the Royal Arch degrees, the next three are called the Cryptic Council degrees and the final three are the Order of the Knights Templar dearees. The degree that tipped me off to the Ritual Code numbers on the Kensington Rune Stone was the Select Master degree, the second in the Cryptic Council. (Internet)

The basic story told in the first three degrees of the Blue Lodge concerns the building of King Solomon's Temple overseen by the Master Architect, Hiram Abiff.

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RITUAL CODE PART 1 - CONT.

At one point in the story while at "refreshment" at midday, Hiram is killed by three of his workers trying to gain secrets from the Master to earn more The three "ruffians" wages. bury the body that is eventually discovered and reburied with honors. Later in the story the three murderers are captured and brought to justice. In the higher degrees of the Scottish and York Rites, stories of legendary events from Old Testament times are presented both theatrically and through lectures. Essentially, the same biblical stories are told in both branches of Freemasonry, but neither presents the stories in chronological order which creates confusion at times.

What caught my attention were numbers uttered during a lecture presented after the theatrical part of a degree in the York Rite branch, called the Select Master degree, which is essentially the 9th of 13 degrees. The story in this degree takes place shortly before the First Jewish Temple in Jerusalem was completed around 1000 B.C. The main characters in the degree are the "Supreme Council of Grand Masters" comprised of King Solomon, Hiram-King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff. Keep in mind it is not clear whether this story is historically accurate, simply allegorical or contains elements of both. That debate has raged within Masonic academic circles for centuries, but for the purpose of this research it really doesn't matter.

8 Arches and 22 Men...

The relevant part of the ritual relays the following story that led to the first two numbers that revealed the code. The three Grand Masters had been entrusted with the writings of Moses, holy vessels, and sacred treasures which included the Ark of Covenant. To protect these treasures from being forever lost or taken by enemies if the children of Israel ever deviated from the sacred laws, a Secret Vault was constructed that was divided into "arches or apartments." The three Grand Masters constructed the Ninth Arch where the sacred objects were hidden and where secret rituals would take place. It was during the lecture after the theatrical performance of the degree when the character of Hiram Abiff said the following, "There were employed on the other eight arches, twenty-two men from Gebal, a city of Phoenicia..."

My ears instantly perked up upon hearing the two familiar numbers, eight and twenty-two. These were the first two numbers carved on the Kensington Rune Stone inscription *"8 Götalanders and 22 Norwegians..."* I didn't hear much of the rest of the lecture and after the degree was finished I asked my mentor and friend, Bro John Freeburg, if there was a ritual book that contained the text of the lecture. He said there was and handed me his personal copy. As I excitedly read the lecture more important numbers connected to the Kensington inscription became apparent, "...together with Ahishar and Adoniram, all of whom were well skilled in the arts and sciences generally, but particularly in sculpture."

It quickly occurred to me that Ahishar and Adoniram are two individuals. The next number to appear in the Kensington inscription after eight and twenty-two is the number two! "We had a camp by **2** shelters..." The ritual book lecture continues, "One of King Solomon's particular friends, whose name was Zerubbabel, discovered that there was secret work going on..." This was one more person added into the story and already you haven't if quessed, the next number in the KRS inscription is one. "...by 2 shelters, one day's *journey from this stone.* "So, here we have the first four numbers that appear in the Kensington inscription that also appear, in the same sequence as the arches (8) and individuals (22, 2, and 1) as they appear in the York Rite Select Master ritual. and there's more.

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In the theatrical part of the ritual, one of the two guards, Ahishar, falls asleep at his post which allowed the overly inquisitive Zerubbabel, upon seeing the entrance unguarded, to venture down into the Secret Vault. Upon discovering Zerubbabel inside the Secret Vault, King Solomon and is angered and orders Ahishar to be executed leaving only Adoniram as the lone surviving quard of the original two. Could he be the second number one that is the next number in the sequence of numbers on the KRS? "We were fishing one day..." While the story at this point doesn't specifically say it, what Zerubbabel discovers in the Secret Vault are "true copies" of the treasures in the Sanctum Santorum in the Temple above. The most important of the treasures is the Ark of the Covenant which contains the Ten Commandments. Could this be what the next number is referring to that appears in sequence in the KRS inscription? "...when we came home we found 10 men..."

At this point, the Select Master Degree story turns very violent. As punishment for falling asleep at his post, Ahishar is killed by the other guards who slice him to death with their swords. As punishment for entering the Secret vault without permission, King Solomon orders Zerubbabel's eyes poked out and then paraded in front of the people with a bloody bandage over his empty eye sockets wearing a bloodspattered apron. Could this be yet another coincidence that the severe violence in the ritual takes place at the same point as the violence in the KRS inscription story, "...we found 10 men red from blood and death."

At this point, the story ends on the face side of the Kensington Rune Stone inscription and the carver appears to offer two prayers. The first appears to invoke the Virgin Mary with only three Latin letters in the entire inscription, "AVM." The second prayer comprises the entire ninth line on the face side and has always appeared to me to have been added as if to complete some unknown aspect of the inscription, "Save from Evil."



To Be Continued

WRITINGS & HUMOR

Writings & Humor From—Brother Alvin Kauffman

DEAD DUCK

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet.

"How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever, as the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head. The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room.

A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook it's head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet look at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiable, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman.

The duck"s owner, still in shcock, took the bill. "\$150!" She cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."

"How to know you're growing older"

- \Rightarrow Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work
- \Rightarrow The gleam in you eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals
- \Rightarrow Your feel like the night before, and you haven't been anywhere
- \Rightarrow Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.
- \Rightarrow You get winded playing chess
- \Rightarrow Your children begin to look middle-aged
- \Rightarrow You finally reach the top of the ladder, and you find it leaning against the wrong wall
- \Rightarrow A dripping faucet causes uncontrollable bladder urge
- \Rightarrow You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions
- \Rightarrow You walk with your head held high trying to get used to your bifocals
- $\Rightarrow\,$ You sit in a rocking chair and cant get it going
- \Rightarrow Your knees buckle but your belt won't
- \Rightarrow Your back goes out more often than you do

DEAR BLACK CROW

Dear Black Crow Shrine Event,

I joined Masonry a few years ago and upon the suggestion of some of my Lodge Brothers joined the Shrine. Now some other of the Brothers have said that I was missing the boat by not having gone through the Scottish Rite. Can you give me an idea of what Scottish Rite is all about?

Signed Interested



Dear Brother Interested,

The Scottish Rite and the Shrine are both appending bod-

ies of Freemasonry and are both very important to the craft.

The Shrine, most notably, has served well by their support of the Shrine Children's hospitals, a world famous institution. It is a great bonding body, in that it stresses the more social aspects of Freemasonry. The different clubs, each tailored to a different interest group created to a specific interest group such as the Rod & Gun Club or several musical clubs offers Masons another Peer Group to bind Brothers together. But of course you know thin having become active.

The Scottish Rite is similar in forming these peer groups, however the main thrust is in advancing your knowledge in Freemasonry by providing twent-nine more degrees that continues the story of the 3rd Degree and goes on to higher levels of understanding that will continue your Masonic education.

In place of clubs, we have various committees that are also peer groups that let you work with Brothers with common interests. These committees include sound, lighting, choir and education. To perform all twenty-nine Degrees, there are approximately 350 acting parts, so there is a place for everyone.

On April 5th we are extending a special invitation to the Shrine members to join us

All requests for advise should be sent to: <u>DaBlakCrow@aol.com</u>

MINNEAPOLIS VALLEY CLUBS

Minneapolis Valley Amateur Radio Club



Soaring Eagles Mission:

To bring together current Brothers and attract future Scottish Rite Brothers who are amateur radio operators to be engaged in fellowship through a common interest (i.e. contesting, radio building, emergency communications, volunteering for marathon communications, John Bear Grease dogsled race, Morse code operating, field day activation etc.







The Minneapolis Valley Amateur Radio Club – "Soaring Eagles" meets the third Thursday of the month (Rite Night) 5:30 to 6:30 PM. All are welcome, whether you are licensed or just curious to see what all the fun is about so please join us. We meet in downstairs lounge off the dining room.

Brother Russell - WOLMS 73 - Questions contact Russell at barraadventures@yahoo.com or 612-578-4809





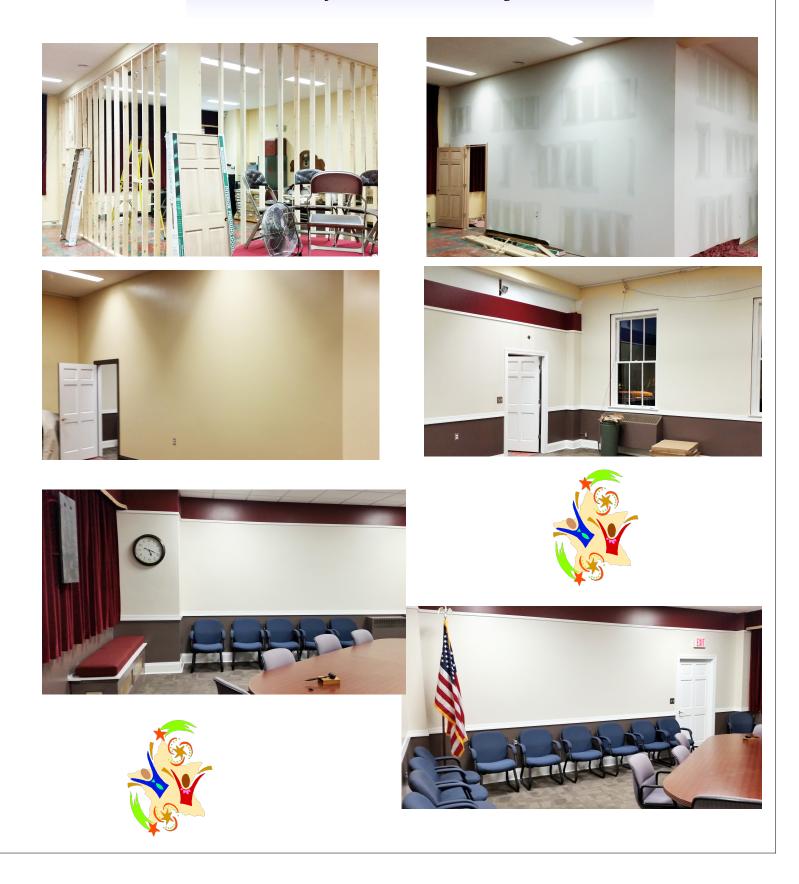


Possible Others:

Cribbage— Darts— Pool—

MPLS VALLEY BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

New Minneapolis Scottish Rite Conference Room



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MINNEAPOLIS SCOTTISH RITE

Schedule of Events

DEGREES:

3/15/18 - 25° & 26° **4/5/18** - 27° **4/19/18** - 28° & 29° **426/18** - 31°

EVENTS:

3/15/18—Red Room "Deputy to the Supreme Council Tony R. Krall, 33° IGH"

3/22/18— Red Room "Mysteries of Washington, DC

3/22/18— Renewal & Remembrance

4/12/19—Grand Lodge

February 2018

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http://scottish-rite-mn.org/minneapolis-valley/event-calendar <u>MINNEAPOLIS</u> VALLEY EVENTS (click on to review)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Event's Being Held at:

Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

4:30 pm—Dinner 5:45 pm—Red Room 6:30 pm—Degree's)

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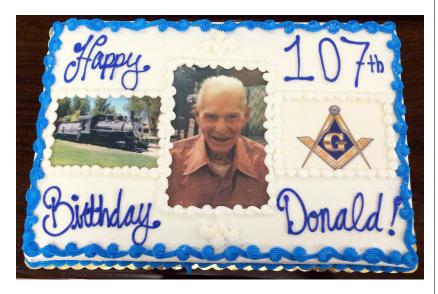
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Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

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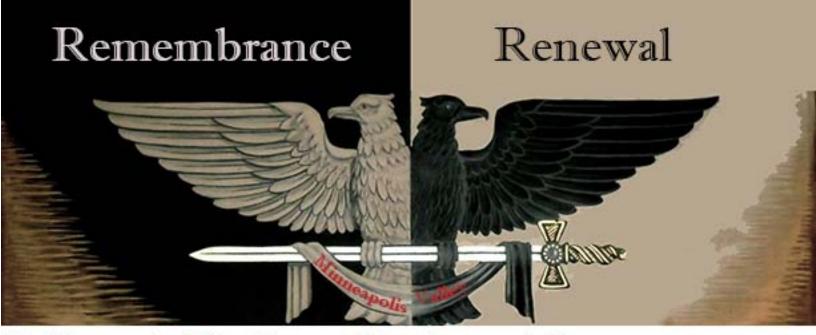
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The Minneapolis Valley Chapter of Rose Croix cordially invite you to join us on Thursday March 22nd for Our 2018 Remembrance and Renewal

The evening will include the Remebrance Ceremony for all of Our Brothers whose time on this Earth ended in 2017. Families of our departed Brethren join us for the Remembrace Ceremony, then followed by the Mystic Banquet where we toast to our friends here and gone, feast and celebrate the union and Renewal of our Scottish Rite Family.

Fellowship and Gathering begins at 5:00 pm Remembrance Ceremony 6:00 pm Mystic Banquet 7:00 pm

Keservations Required. Please contact the Scottish Rite Office to reserve your spot. Please specify Rib-Eye or Walleye or other dietary restriction when making reservation. \$30 Ticket. Open Event.

~Please let the Office know if you need a ride or are able to help another with a ride. ~New Chapter Rose Croix Brothers will be issued their Knight of Rose Croix Patents ~Cash Bar with wine, beer and other adult beverage will be in the Game Lounge. 21+w/ID ~Dinner includes coffee, tea, milk and toasting juice. Minneapolis Scottish Rite Center 2011 Dupont Avenue South Minneapolis Minnesota 55406 612.871.1500 email: jackie@aasrmn.org www.scottish-rite-mn.org

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another" John 13:34