



**Ritual Corner**

**Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren**

The spring class is in full swing and the degrees have been fantastic. It is always enjoyable to watch and learn from the degrees, and to take part in one of the many committees that help make the degrees possible. I hope you can join us to watch or participate in making the degrees a great experience for our new Scottish Rite Brothers.

The class will soon be finishing with the 32°, Master of the Royal Secret. This degree is the culmination of the Scottish Rite degrees and teaches us the Royal Secret. In this degree we are introduced to the lesser and greater Tetractys of Pythagoras, the seven-pointed star and their meanings. In the symbol of the camp, we review the lessons taught by all the degrees from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>. We also learn that the human is ever interlaced with the divine and that to work is to worship. We discover ancient faiths and learn great truths that can help us grow even today.

The 32° is part of the 2018 Reunion at the Minneapolis Valley. Join us for this degree and other terminal degrees on a day of fantastic ritual, learning, and socializing with the Brothers of the Scottish Rite. Come and welcome our new Masters of the Royal Secret and continue your own Masonic journey.

Fraternally,



Lee E. Kielblock, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Ritual Director, Minneapolis Valley

**Fellow Knights**

Our building has been busy with many events this spring and to see a number of glengarries around the Valley, I personally think it is just wonderful! It is great to see the KSA start to rebuild and grow from both new members and those Knights that have become reinvigorated.

Turn out has been building for events that the Valley needs the KSA for and our upcoming end to the degree cycle and the Spring Reunion are no exception. Let's keep the glengarry on, the questions coming and the petitions handy! It truly has been a pleasure to see names being read for membership almost every month recently. That reflects straight onto you, the Knights of the Valley and our recent Past Commanders. A special thanks to Cary and Paul for their leadership and guidance for our group.

So Knights let us keep having fun and growing. Communication is also a key and I will ask that we follow up again with our secretary and get him your email addresses. So much easier to connect on Valley happenings and any social meetings and plans we put together. Thanks again for helping update our records and I look forward to having a fantastic end to our session.

Also, thank you Jerry and congratulations Tony from all your Knights of St. Andrew!!

Brad Pohlman, 32° M·R·S·

Knight Commander Elect

Minneapolis Valley

Knights of St. Andrew

# Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

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## Thoughts From the Commander of the Council of Kadosh

This summer will mark my two year tenure as Commander of the Minneapolis Council of Kadosh and I will soon be giving up the reins of the Council (as well as my opportunity to write these articles) to my successor. But before I go, I thought it might be interesting to give a little history of the Council and the Minneapolis Scottish Rite to my Brethren.

The Minneapolis Council of Kadosh was chartered on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1880. Normally, this would have met with great fanfare within the Rite but the 1880's were a time of struggle for the Minneapolis Scottish Rite. Just the year before, in 1879, Grand Commander Albert Pike visited the Twin Cities but found that in Minneapolis a quorum could not be brought together to give him an official reception or Grand Honors. Such were the membership struggles of our Rite at that time. One of the main causes of membership conflict at that time was the emergence of a rival Scottish Rite body in Minneapolis during the 1880's. In 1884, four years after the chartering of the Minneapolis Council of Kadosh, the Cerneau Scottish Rite body was formed in Minneapolis. They actually started with the Consistory and planned to charter their Bodies downward. The Cerneau Scottish Rite was authorized by a group that claimed to exercise the same powers that the existing Supreme Council maintained and with the assistance of a wealthy advocate, membership in the Cerneau Rite was cheaper than in the current Rite. In addition, very soon after their establishment, a number of men of the Cerneau Scottish Rite were crowned with the Thirty-third degree thus enticing even more Brothers. So while our Minneapolis Scottish Rite was struggling, the Cerneau Scottish Rite was growing.

The problem with all this is that both Rites obtained their membership from the same group: the Master Masons of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Inevitably, the rivalry of the Rites felt their way into the Blue Lodges. If the members of one Rite body were in power, legislation was introduced unfavorable to the other, and vice versa.

There is an example of the elections of one Minneapolis Blue Lodge where the men favoring the Cerneau Rite voted together and changed the entire roster of lodge officers. At the next election, there was a record attendance and the old line of officers was restored. Obviously, peace and harmony were not prevailing. In 1887, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota attempted a resolution to curb the activities of the Cerneau bodies but it was defeated. Finally, in 1890, after Grand Lodges in other states had enacted similar legislation, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota passed a resolution declaring the reception of or conferring of Cerneau degrees in Minnesota to be a Masonic crime. So it came to be that after 1890, the Minneapolis Council of Kadosh was, in effect, allowed to grow. Today, the Minneapolis Council of Kadosh is responsible for most of the degrees in our Scottish Rite. It's been a struggle but I think we've finally arrived.

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Commander, Council of Kadosh



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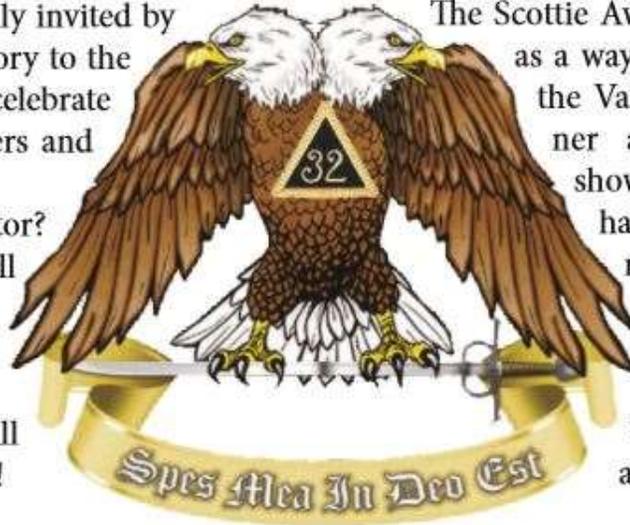
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## THE 2018 SCOTTIE AWARDS

Brothers! You are cordially invited by the Minneapolis Consistory to the 2018 Consistory feast to celebrate this year's newest Brothers and the workers of the Valley. Who will win Best Actor? Which performance will be named Best Degree? Do you have the Rite Stuff? These are only a handful of awards that will be given out on June 2nd!



The Scottie Awards began 17 years ago as a way to honor the workers of the Valley by putting on a dinner and Oscar-style awards show. During that time we have added categories and retired others, but one thing remains the same: our commitment to put on a great night for the Brothers, their friends and families.

### 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award

On a night of celebrating the numerous achievements of our members, we will also be honoring the Past SGIG of Minnesota, Ill. Bro. Jerry B. Oliver who has led our Scottish Rite Orient with his signature style, warmth, and unwavering commitment.



### Save The Date!

Saturday,

June 2, 2018

SOCIAL HOUR - 4:30

FEAST - 5:30

AWARDS - 6:30

Choice of steak or walleye dinner

Cost is \$30 per person

RSVP to the office: (612) 871-1500

or [secretary@aastrmn.org](mailto:secretary@aastrmn.org)

Dress comfortably for the weather!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2018**

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### From the Desk of the Editor

If you have anything to say that 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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**Calendar / Red Room**

01 May Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting  
03 May Dark for OES Grand Chapter  
10 May Spring Reunion  
4°, 14°  
12 May Spring Reunion  
18°, 30°, 32°  
24 May KSA Meeting  
02 June Consistory Feast and Scottie Awards  
(open event)  
05 June Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting  
28 June KSA Meeting  
03 July Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting  
26 July KSA Meeting

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