



THE FUTURE IS NOW



Diane, the wife of the late Bill Sowden starts the day off with the ride her late husband so wanted.



From Left to right Don Fanning 33°, David Olson 33°, Grand Master of Minnesota, Douglas Campbell 33°, Grand Secretary, Jerry B. Oliver 33°, SGIG, Randy Hamborg 32°KCCCH, Al Neiderhaus Potentate Zuhrah Shine, James Burlingame 33° Grand Cross.

What a fantastic day we had at the Scottish Rite Reunion. We brought in 18 new brothers to the Rite, dedicated and used our new elevator and stairs to the dining hall. With the new entrance being just off the rear parking lot, access to the Rite becomes a much easier and shorter trip. For a long time there has been a need for an easier and more accessible entrance. If you have not been attending the Rite due to the accessibility and concern over the stairs, lay your fears to rest. There are no stairs to climb to enter the building from the parking lot. Once you are in our lobby you have the choice of taking the new elevator to any floor you wish or you may use the stairs. With the new access cards, improved lighting and the other features that have been added you will find a very welcoming and hospitable space.

Remember this addition was accomplished for an easier entrance to the Rite. Now we must ask the brothers of the Temple to step up and help with the financing of this marvelous facility that has been added to our Temple for all of us. Donations to the library and building fund are tax deductible. I could say give till it hurts but I won't.

Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

The Education Committee

Do you remember the day you were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason? Of course you do! None of us could ever forget that transformative moment. But what else do you remember? You likely arrived home with an urge to discuss what you had witnessed and share your impressions. Unfortunately, you also were bound to secrecy and probably weren't quite sure what you could - or couldn't - discuss. If you were fortunate enough to have a mentor or mentors with whom you could explore your new-found knowledge, your experience was significantly enhanced.

This is the role of the Education Committee. We provide a forum where our Candidates and Brothers can ask questions, discuss, explore and offer insights into the degrees of the Scottish Rite.

We seldom use a lecture format. Instead, we form into small discussion groups, and provide a structure and a bit of guidance, rather than any authoritative indoctrination. Think "graduate seminar" rather than "classroom". We focus on the degree just presented share both information and impressions of the degree, its teachings and meanings. Expanding the love of seeking and sharing Masonic wisdom is truly our first and most important goal. We are here as resources and facilitators of that process, and are mindful of the honor and trust our Brothers have placed in us by allowing us to introduce our Candidates to our Scottish Rite.

You are always welcome to join our groups and discussions. We hope you'll stop in!



Monte M. Miller, 32° KCCH

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.

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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 5 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°

Ritual Director



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 was 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 Kelly 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 7000 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



Be Rite not Wrong.



Can you name this Prop.? Tell how many degrees it is in and which degrees they are.

The property group can use your help. If you are interested in working with us then just talk with us.



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A Quick Note

From The Supreme Council – and the Secretary

The Valley received word from the Supreme Council that for 2014 they will be issuing permanent dues cards. It will be a plastic card similar to a credit card and there will not be a date on the card. There will be a sticker issued each year indicating the date of your current dues, after you pay your dues. (Like AAA does) This move to a permanent dues card will save the Supreme Council a ton of money each year issuing dues cards. It will also make our job in the Valley administering dues much easier as well. So, as we get into the 2014 dues year be on the lookout for your new "PERMANENT" dues card. Also, 2014 is the last of the \$2 per year per-capita increases by the Supreme Council. With this last increase our dues will finally level out at \$90. At this time you should all have a 2013 membership card in your pocket.

If you do not please visit the on-line dues payment site at

<https://secure.scottishrite.org/OnlineDuesPayment/DuesPayment1.asp>

Use of your credit card on this secure site will speed up receipt of your current membership card.

Scottish Rite Lighting Committee

“Providing further light in Masonry since the invention of candles.”

Okay, that may be going a bit too far. But we can say the lighting committee has been around a long time working with costuming, makeup, properties, directors, and actors of the Minneapolis Valley from the beginning and later with the sound crew.

The lighting committee has the fun of lighting the action of the degrees, creating a mood for scenes, spotlighting orators and key players, and providing special effects such as talking skeletons and “dead guys” (sages). To accomplish these feats of daring, we run a programmable lighting control board, man spotlights, play slight-of-hand with slides in the stereopticon, and provide the “gong” work in the 31th degree.

A newer lighting board allows programming of lighting cues for most of the degrees even though we manually control the first eight degrees as a refresher course at the beginning of each degree cycle. We follow the lighting cues on cue cards and scripts. We continue to add scripts as changes are made by directors. We will be updating our programming and cue cards over the next year to tighten up the timing and lighting effects for the action. A mixture of equipment from the 1930's to the new control board keeps us on our toes as we

look to continually improve matching the lighting effects with the action on the floor.

The lighting committee is looking for new members to join us to continue the excellence in this important area of production. If you have technical or programming experience, which would be a plus but is certainly not needed to learn and enjoy lighting the degree work. How many of you have watched the degree work from the balcony? We think they're the best seats in the house! Many times we are able to eat together at the earlier workers dinner then spend time visiting with a lot of good discussions and laughter.

Terry Christiansen

Lighting Committee Chairman

New Committee Chair

With the recent passing of Illustrious Dean Lapham, 33° a new opportunity opened up for leadership of the Minneapolis Valley Committee on Americanism. The Venerable Master and the Heads of the Bodies are pleased to announce that Brother Frederick B. Vihovde, 32° KCCH has been appointed to the position. A past Commander of Kadosh and a past national president of the National Sojourners, and leader in veterans causes, Fred brings a wealth of knowledge and a desire to perpetuate the American Way to the post. We wish him well in his new role. His appointment has been wholeheartedly endorsed by the Personal Representative with his comment that “a better man for the job would be hard to find!”

From the Desk of the Editor

It is almost time to welcome our new candidates and start the new Scottish Rite year of Degrees. Let's help them feel comfortable and introduce them to all the Rite has to offer them as Masons and brothers.

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Calendar

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July 02 **Heads of the Bodies / Stated**
July 25 **KSA Stated**
August 06 **Heads of the Bodies / Stated**
August 22 **4°, 5°, 6°**
August 29 **7°, 8°, 9° / KSA Stated**

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