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Military Appreciation Night

Monday, November 11th our country celebrates Veterans Day. The day was originally established as Armistice Day, the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month in 1918 when the Great War, the war to end all wars, ended.

In 2008, in the Minneapolis Valley, we started a new tradition. This year, on Thursday, November 14th, and each Thursday closest to November 11th, is Veterans Appreciation Night. If you are still able to wear you uniform (formal to utility makes no difference) this is the time, or simply wear a part of it, medals, ribbons, patches, hats, it shows the part you played and demonstrates your appreciation for those who served or are currently serving. At dinner there will be a presentation of the POW, MIA flag to the Scottish Rite by the Legion of Honor from Zuhrah Shrine. The POW, MIA Flag is presented as a memorial to the 1655 military personal still missing from the Viet Nam War,



The Red Room program, that evening will be a talk from Mr. Artis Parker, Director of the Fort Snelling National Cemetery. I hope you will all come and enjoy the evening and if able, show you're Colors!

As a Veteran, I took on the duty, along with PGM, Don Severson, of dedicating one night a year to Honor our Veteran's. Each year on the Thursday closest to Veteran's Day we do a short tribute to Veterans at dinner and then we have a speaker with a topic relative to Veteran's affairs. I have been involved with Fort Snelling National Cemetery for the last six years on the Volunteer Committee that has the primary responsibility of putting on the Memorial Day ceremony. The committee was started in 1946 for the purpose of obtaining funds for projects and special need not in the Federal Program. In the past it had the responsibility of planting trees and gardens, repairing and painting fences and a multitude of things that are now taken care of by the crew at the cemetery. The committee membership is made up of representatives from the various Veteran's organizations, American Legion, VFW, DAV, etc. I'm kind the odd member as I represent Zuhrah Shrine Legion of Honor. Zuhrah's LOH has been part of the parade unit

for many years and, as a Masonic Military organization, was aloud on the committee. Past LOH Commander Malcom Glad, and more vocally a Marine, was my predecessor, and I am highly honored to carry on this tradition. This year's Scottish Rite Memorial Day Red Room program, on Thursday November 14th will be graced with a talk from Artis Parker, Director Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Please make every effort to attend both the Thursday Nov, 14th Scottish Rite Red Room program and Memorial Day Ceremony on May 26th, 2014, as I know you will go away both of these with a far greater appreciation for one our nations National Treasures.

**Ill. Robert Selden, MSgt, USAF
Master of Kadosh
Minneapolis Valley, AASR**



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Wardrobe and Make-Up Department

Make-up is headed by Brother Jeff C. Eidem K.C.C.H. This is where the transformation of a person just off the street can be made to look like a... Devil to Angel, Young to Old, Wounded Warrior, and Battle Scarred, change the color of your complexion, attach a mustache or beard or both and change your nationality.

Clothing is headed by Brother Timothy R. Dixon K.C.C.H. This is where costumes are assigned to a part and are used to help visualize a certain cast member's part. There are costumes that represent Angels and Demons, Royalty (kings & queens), Judges, Priests (Christian and Jew), hard workers and slackers. You also may find costumes for good guys and bad, civilian and military, Chinese, Egyptian, Jewish, and European.

There are many costumes that are used only twice a year, and a few that are used numerous times. Many are old and some are brand new. Most of the costumes were made by the sewing circle, (Ladies of the Scottish Rite members) which I wish was still in existence. If there is anyone who knows of someone who likes to make clothing, please give us a heads up at 651-439-5223.

Anyone who would like to learn the ropes of Wardrobe, we would be honored to teach, and welcome the help.

All this is to help the Candidate to visualize and understand the message being taught. The messages underlying theme is to be the best man you can be to your God, Country, and fellow human beings.

Brother Timothy R. Dixon 32°, K.C.C.H.

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Ritual Corner

As we move closer to the end of the Fall Class, I want to talk about the 27th degree, Knight Commander of the Temple. This is one of the chivalric degrees that teach us of the duties and virtues of knighthood during the Crusades and the Middle Ages. This degree teaches the duties of being devoted to truth, honor, loyalty, justice, and humanity.

In the 27th degree, the candidate for knighthood must ponder these duties and choose which duties are the most important. At the end of the degree, we see that justice is done and dedication to these duties is rewarded. Although the degree presents these duties in an age of chivalric knights, truth, honor, loyalty, justice and duty to humanity are the needs of our age and every age. Albert Pike writes about this degree, "Times change, and circumstances; but virtue and duty remain the same. The evils to be warred against but take another shape, and are developed in a different form." (Morals and Dogma, p. 578)

Let each of us think about these duties and how we can apply them in our lives every day. Join us at the Minneapolis Valley all through November and December. Watch the degrees and learn about these duties so that by applying them, we can make the world a better place.

Lee E. Kielblock, 32°, KCCH
Elect

Ritual Director, Minneapolis
Valley



From the Desk of the Editor



Brothers, as a lot of you probably know I am a military veteran and have been working hard within the veteran's community to bring to our Rite new members from within the community. As your editor I would like to ask my fellow brothers to thank a veteran for their service to our country. As you have probably already read we will be having a veteran's appreciation night 14 November. As part of that appreciation night during the dinner hour myself and several members of the Legion of Honor unit, Zuhrah shrine, will be presenting a flag honoring the prisoners of war and missing in action personnel. I do sincerely hope that all veterans will be present for this presentation.

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A 46th DeMolay International Congress Held at Minneapolis Scottish Rite

June 12–15, 2013, the city of Minneapolis claimed the title of “The City of Brotherly Love,” as DeMolays from around the world gathered for the 46th International DeMolay Congress to review the work of the Order and plan its future. DeMolay delegates from every state in the union along with representatives from Canada, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Italy, Serbia, and Romania came together for four intensely packed days and nights of fraternal activities. The conference featured keynote addresses from Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie, Dr. Verna Price, world-renowned financial expert Adam Carroll, and preeminent psychologist Dr. Tony Paustian. The members of the Congress gathered at the Valley of Minneapolis on Wednesday afternoon for orientation and the first Congress session ... not to mention an outstanding barbeque prepared by the Scottish Rite Masons! That evening they enjoyed America’s pastime as the Minnesota Twins beat the Phillies, and on Thursday morning the delegates split into three groups to participate in service projects at the American Cancer Society, Feed My Starving Children, and the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Thursday afternoon, the Congress traveled to the Minnesota Capitol where they met in the House Chamber for nominations and debate on legislative call items. In the 46-year history of the DeMolay Congress, this was the first time they met on the floor of an actual legislative body. Later, the Congress was introduced to a parade of the preeminent Masonic leaders, including Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale, 33°. Friday brought focus group discussions and more business sessions, while Saturday culminated in elections, installation, and the Grand Master’s Banquet and DeMolay Hall of Fame Induction. Robert W. Laing was elected International Master Councilor and Christopher M. LaBaw International Congress Secretary. Bro. Richard Bryan, 33°, former Governor of Nevada and former US Senator joined the Hall of Fame as well as Bill Heller, a Past International Master Councilor and General Counsel to the New York Giants.

—Submitted by Bob Lai

Santa Fe Bulletin reveals Temple sale

After months of struggle and a ballot of the total membership, the brethren of the Santa Fe Valley voted to sell their temple. Built in 1909, the temple has growing physical needs and diminishing membership. The closing remarks of the article in their Scottish Rite Bulletin read: “And so it goes the most identifiable Masonic Landmark in New Mexico. Its fate has been sealed by the consensus of its members without fanfare or elaborate ceremony. What is a monument to a bygone-era of creativity and freedom of thought will now be placed upon the open market for sale to those uninitiated in the Glorious Mysteries of Scottish Rite Masonry.”

Ask yourself how the Valley of Santa Fe differs from the Valley of Minneapolis. 100 plus year old temple Has treated our membership to its warmth and character, but where is our membership? When were you last in the temple for a feast, For a degree, or For a meeting? Where will you go if the temple were no longer available for major masonic meetings, Job’s daughter’s conferences or Shrine ceremonials?

Today is the day to rededicate your-self to the principles of Scottish Masonry. Don’t let Minneapolis drift away as has Santa Fe. Don’t wake up and read of the sale of your temple in a newsletter. Well-meaning brothers in Santa Fe kept the valley active for 100 years, how shall we observe our 100th anniversary at 2011 Dupont in 2015. And better yet where shall we?

Mark A. Campbell, 33°
Executive Secretary

In the past months we had five of our illustrious Brother’s lay down their working tools and have taken up residence in the Celestial Lodge above. We will miss,

Lawrence W Bachman, 33°

Irvine D Moser, 33°

Charles O Rollefson, 33°

David R Epling, 33°

Dean L Lapham 33°

May they rest in peace, their labors finished.



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Calendar

Lodge

7 Nov. Council Feast
14 Nov. 27th Degree
21 Nov. 28th 29th Degrees
21 Nov. KSA Stated Meeting
28 Nov. Thanksgiving (No Degree)
5 Dec. 30th Degree
12 Dec 31th Degree
19 Dec. 32nd Degree

Red Room

No presentation scheduled
Veteran's Day presentation
Job's Daughters
No presentation scheduled
Mural Lecture by Monte Miller
Class meets with the Valley
No presentation scheduled