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Calendar / Red Room

06 Jan Stated Meeting
Consistory Annual Meeting
08 Jan 4°, 5°, 6°
15 Jan 7°, 8°, 9°
17 Jan Grand Lodge One Day to Masonry

22 Jan 10°, 11° / KSA Meeting
Candidate Introductions
Monte Miller, 32°, K.: C.: C.: H.:
29 Jan 12°, 13°
Minneapolis Valley
David Kampf, 33°
03 Feb Stated Meeting
05 Feb 14°
Almoner
Mark Haller, 33°
07 Feb York Rite One-Day
Royal Arch Mason Degrees
12 Feb 15°, 16°
19 Feb 17°, 18°
21 Feb York Rite One-Day
Cryptic Council Degrees
26 Feb 19°, 20° / KSA Meeting
Rite Care Minneapolis/St. Paul
Greg Vokovan, 33°
03 Mar Stated Meeting
Lodge Annual Meeting
05 Mar 21°, 22°
12 Mar 23°, 24°
14 Mar Remembrance and Renewal Feast
19 Mar 25°, 26° / KSA Meeting

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Orient of Minnesota

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Wise Master Chapter Rose Croix

Carl F. Lidstrom, 32° K.: C.: C.: H.:
Commander Council of Kadosh

Robert J. Selden, 33°
Master of Kadosh

Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Knights of Saint Andrew

Brethren of the Valley: the Knights of Saint Andrew have been busy over the past couple of months helping with various projects around our Valley. The new pocket badges and lapel pins will be available shortly. For those of you that have ordered the Knights of Saint Andrew Patents they are now available and orders may be placed for them. As Excellent Master, I thank all of you for what you have done.

David C. Shaffer, 32°
Excellent Master



Tyranny

Lessons in Masonry teach us we should resist tyranny. I believe that it is our duty to not submit to tyrannical leaders, however many obligations and oaths tell us to submit to the legal authorities of the country where we reside.

This can be conflicting. What if the country's leaders are in fact tyrants? Do we submit to the legal authority of the country or do we resist? What does resistance mean?

First, in the United States of America we have the right to vote. If you notice that a politician is acting in a manner that you can reasonably believe will lead to tyranny, then vote for the other guy. When leaders act in a tyrannical manner, then resist in a legal manner.

We all have the ability to resist tyranny in a legal manner by supporting groups or organizations that challenge leaders through the judicial system. Remember in the United States we have three branches of government; the Legislative, Executive, and Judiciary which are all separate. I don't agree with some of the people who have said the three separate branches are equal, rather from my observations the power seems to ebb and flow over time.

The three branches create a condition where action can also be advocated through the legislative branch. The legislators are close to their constituency. This allows for access by the people. Legislators learn they must acknowledge

the concerns of the voters who elect them or soon they will be out of a job. I acknowledge that if an individual holds an opinion that is different from the main stream of their community it is unlikely to sway the legislator to change course, but it is possible through persistence and advocating others in the community to express the same position that change can come about. Patience is the key with this method.

Another method of resisting tyranny in the United States is to use public relations to sway leaders that are not acting in the best interests of the citizens. Many times, to gain the most effect, use of this tool is necessary to join a group whose goals mirror your goal of resisting tyranny. Leaders are generally political animals and the great tide of public opinion can be enough to gain correct behavior.

We are lucky to live in the United States of America where these tools can be used. In many countries, over many ages, the tyrant uses so much corrosive power that citizens could effectively not resist their power or authority. History will tell us that at some point the citizens will no longer tolerate the tyrannical behavior of such leaders and the people as a whole will rise up and throw the devils out.

Our duty as Masons in this country is to be alert for tyrannical behavior and use softer means of correction; interaction with legislators, the pressure of public opinion, the ballot box, and the power of judicial decisions. These are all great tools at our disposal.

Carl F. Lidstrom, 32° K.: C.: C.: H.:
Commander

From the Desk of the Editor

Brethren if you would like to help with the Sun please contact me as I am looking for an Assistant.

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.

--David Shaffer 32° Editor

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Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Meet the Commander

The new Commander of the Council of Kadosh is Carl F. Lidstrom, 32° K.: C.: C.: H.:

You will find him just about every week at the Scottish Rite. In addition to serving as the Commander of the Council of Kadosh he is also the Assistant Chair of the Education Committee. He joined the Education Committee for the first class after he received his 32° and has worked with the Committee ever since. Carl also appears in four Degrees the 8th, 26th, 29th, and the 30th. He also attends the Heads of the Bodies and the Stated Meetings, which he started the second month after receiving his 32°.

If that isn't enough involvement, Carl is also Past Master of Minnehaha Lodge No. 165, Past High Priest of Ark Chapter No. 53 Royal Arch Masons, Past Illusions Master of Northfield Council No. 12 Cryptic Masons, and Past Commander of Minneapolis Mounted Commandery No. 23 Knights Templar. He is currently serving as Grand Master of the 2nd Veil of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, Grand Marshall of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, Master of Educational Lodge No. 1002, and Minnesota Masonic Charities Board of Directors Elder Services.

Carl is a member of Zuhrah Shrine serving as the Chair of the Masonic Relations Committee. The committee's purpose is to keep the Nobility informed of Masonic events in Minnesota, answer questions about other Masonic bodies, and encourage the Nobility to be involved in the Big Tent of Masonry.

Appendant bodies that Carl belongs to include Minnehaha Chapter No. 37 Order of the Eastern Star, Minnesota Priory No. 24 Knights of the York Rite Cross of Honor (KYCH), Gopher Preceptory DeMolay Legion of Honor, Masonic Order of Athelstan, Minnesota York Rite College No. 39, Minnesota Council No. 34 Knight Masons, Royal Order of Scotland, and Yellowstone Historic Lodge No. 88, Fort Buford, Dakota Territory.

Carl F. Lidstrom, 32° K.: C.: C.: H.:
Commander

Ritual Corner

Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren

Happy New Year and welcome to a new set of Degrees. The fall class was a great success! There was some outstanding degree work and I want to extend a big thank you to all of the committees who made the degrees possible.

As the degrees begin, let us examine the 8°, Intendant of the Building. This degree teaches benevolence and charity, and that labor is honorable and that we should respect the working man. In this degree we also learn that the Master Hiram delighted in teaching his apprentices. Sharing our knowledge with others helps humanity progress in the future. Albert Pike states, "There will always be in this world wrongs to forgive, suffering to alleviate, sorrow asking for sympathy, necessities and destitution to relieve, and ample occasion for the exercise of active charity and beneficence." (Morals and Dogma, p. 147) Let us look for these opportunities to practice these lessons each day. Our Fraternity and communities will benefit greatly if we do.

Please join use for the degrees of the spring class. Learn the lessons of the degrees. Join one of the committees to help out on one or more degrees. You will meet some great Brothers and be able to be like Master Hiram and share the knowledge of our degrees with our new Scottish Rite Brothers. See you at the Rite!

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock, 32°, K.: C.: C.: H.:

Ritual Director
Minneapolis Valley



E-News

Do you receive the Scottish Rite E-News? If you would like to, please send an e-mail to minneapoliscottishritenews@gmail.com to request your subscription.

--Mark Anderson, 33° *E-News update editor*





From the Personal Representative

Congratulations to our newest 32° Scottish Rite Masons. To our newest Brethren, what you have had an opportunity to experience in our Minneapolis Valley will give you a wonderful start on your search for more light in Masonry.

My hope - our hope - is that your travels and labors in Masonry will be a journey of discovery. And as your new journey begins, we can offer you no better opportunity to initiate your labors than getting involved in your Scottish Rite. The many talents and skills each of us brings to Masonry helps make our Valley successful and helps each one of us enjoy Masonry in a way that sustains our Masonic passions. Just as duct tape and kitty litter have many uses, I know that each of our new 32° Masons will find many ways to enjoy and support Masonry - within our Blue Lodges, the Grand Lodge, the Rites, the Shrine and the Eastern Star. Get involved, meet new Brothers and discover the many ways that you can enjoy Masonry.

And finally, thank you to all of our Brethren who helped set up, deliver and support our 29 Scottish Rite Degrees. Be ever ready when the opportunity arises, to welcome our newest Brethren and help them to begin working with you in the success of our Minneapolis Valley.

What part of Scottish Rite Masonry can feed your passion?

Ask a Brother. Get involved. Enjoy your Scottish Rite.

So May We Ever ...

David N. Kampf, 33°
Personal Representative



Your Boiler

I was born in 1906 and am still working. Each year I go through my yearly check-up just to make sure I'm alright and can keep going. The tests I undergo are very thorough and I am relieved when I pass...“GOOD TO GO ANOTHER YEAR!”

I have been working for the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite for as long as they have been around here. My greatest hope is that I am doing a good job. I only work half as well as I used to because a while ago I suffered a pretty major setback; but thankfully I was given the go ahead to keep working. I guess when you are as old as I am you need to slow down.

For the most part I work the hardest when the weather starts cooling down...but then again that's when I do my best work.

I try hard to be warm to everyone and feel badly when someone complains about my being cool. I feel like I am not doing my best.

Sometimes my health is down and I need a little attention. Sometimes I need a little fixing, you know, like an aspirin or maybe just a little rest. Sometimes I need a specialist to check things out.

Anyway, I will continue to do my best. Please keep in mind that one day I won't be able to “go one more year;” something to think about.

Fraternally,
Your Boiler

