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Calendar / Red Room

01 Sept Heads of The Bodies / Stated Meeting
03 Sept 10°, 11°/Candidate Intro Monte
Miller
10 Sept 12°, 13°/House of the Temple
Arturo de Hoyos
17 Sept 14°/Almoner Mark Hailer
19 Sept Feast of Tishri - Open Event
50 year / class name recognition
24 Sept 15°, 16°, KSA Meeting

01 Oct 17°, 18°
06 Oct Heads of The Bodies / Stated Meeting
08 Oct 19°, 20° / Rite Care Greg Vokovan
15 Oct 21°, 22° / Valley Dave Kampf &
Don Nolley
22 Oct 23°, 24°/Grand Master of Minnesota
MWB John Gann
29 Oct 25°, 26°, KSA Meeting /
Building History & Architecture
Kristin Anderson PHD

03 Nov Heads of The Bodies / Stated Meeting
05 Nov Council Feast / Open Event
Youth Recognition
12Nov 27°/ Veterans Day
19 Nov 28°, 29°, KSA Meeting
26 Nov Dark, Thanksgiving

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Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Ritual Corner

Welcome to a new cycle of degrees for the Fall 2015 class. I look forward to seeing you at the degrees. I hope we have new candidates from all your lodges. As we get started with the degrees, Let us take a look at the 5th, Perfect Master.

This degree teaches us to be industrious and honest. We learn that life is uncertain, and that death may call at any time. We also learn that virtue for virtue's sake is the noblest portion of humanity. Albert Pike's lecture in *Morals and Dogma* expands on these duties. In explaining how to be industrious, we hear, "To sleep little and to study much; to say little and to hear and think much; to learn that we may be able to do, and then do, earnestly and vigorously, whatever may be required of us by duty..." (p. 116). Concerning honesty we hear, "The duty of a Mason as an honest man is plain and easy. It requires of us honesty in contract, sincerity in affirming, simplicity in bargaining, and faithfulness in performing" (p. 116).

I look forward to this class and all that the degrees have to teach us, and to help us in our journey toward Masonic light.

Make your Thursday a night for Masonic education at the Scottish Rite.

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



Chairman for the Wardrobe Committee

Illustrious Brother Tim Dixon, 33°, will be stepping down as the Committee Head of the Wardrobe Committee at the end of December 2015. Brother Tim and Brother Jeff Eidem, 32°, KCCH are in search of a new Committee Head. They will train and groom you for this important and distinguished position during the Fall Degrees of 2015. **NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED!**

What's needed? Just a desire to support the Minneapolis Valley and to help, aid and assist the Brethren of the Valley as they prepare to put on the beautiful and meaningful degrees of the Scottish Rite.

An immediate response is needed to fill this position before the start of the Fall Degrees on Thursday, August 20, 2015.

Please contact the Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, Roger Schmid, at 612-799-4589. Or by email: rdschmid@comcast.net to express your wish to serve as the Committee Head.

From the Personal Representative

When we offer a "warm" welcome to our newest class of Master Masons who joined us on the evening of August 20th for the 4th, 5th and 6th Degrees, we do mean warm. I encourage everyone to think "cool" thoughts – we'll get a chance to reflect on our August heat at our Thursday night degrees later on this fall.

I offer a special welcome to those 38 new Masters of the Royal Secret who completed their 32nd in May. It is wonderful to see our newest Brethren returning to their Scottish Rite this fall, getting involved and enjoying the journey for More Light in Masonry that we offer in the Minneapolis Valley.

Congratulations to our newest Honors Men for the Valley – those elected by our Supreme Council to receive the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and the Inspector General Honorary Degree. Next month, I'll share some of my thoughts and experiences from the Supreme Council Session in Washington, DC.

And finally, our Limited Edition Temple Centennial Medallion – celebrating 2015 and our 100th year at Dupont Avenue is now for sale. The proceeds from the sale of the Medallions will go directly to our Building and Museum Foundation and help us continue to maintain, improve and enjoy our magnificent Temple. I encourage all of our Masonic Brethren to consider purchasing a medallion and helping us secure the future of our Temple for the next 100 years.

So May We Ever ...

David N. Kampf, 33°
Personal Representative



Correction:

In our last issue we incorrectly reported that numbered limited edition medallions were being offered for a suggested donation of \$100.00. We should have said "Limited edition medallions are being sold for \$100 and specific number requests are being filled for an additional \$25 fee on a first come basis."

From the Desk of the Editor

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° K.: C.: C.: H.: Elect
Editor



Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

From the Building

After the court area came into being due to the remodeling of the dining room, a need for furnishing became evident. In keeping with the antiquity of our building we went in search of tables and chairs that would befit the décor.

Our search was not in vain. On the third floor in one of the small rooms we found just the ticket. Taking a quick inventory we found four tables and fifteen chairs in various states of repair or disrepair depending on how you assessed the situation.

The tables had to be taken apart in order to get them out the door. Unstacking the boxes and robes revealed another fifteen more chairs giving us a total of thirty chairs to work with, what a find!

After getting them down to the new area where they would be used, the cleaning and minor repairs were begun.

What a surprise lay beneath the years of dust and neglect, these tables and chairs were made by hand from the finest white oak. There were some stains--a few water rings, some scratches, a split or two from the wood being dry. Now, what do we do about refinishing?

Let's start with the history, where did these come from? In the center of each tabletop and on the back of each chair is a brass plate which reads, "DEDICATION Class 1920". Three hundred seventy-six men comprised the 1920 Fall and Spring Classes. We believe that both the classes contributed this gift to our Scottish Rite Valley.

A call was made to our historian, Wendy Waszut-Barrett, who informed us not to refinish, "every water ring, every stain, every scratch is a part of the tables and chairs history". The best thing to do is to cover the tables with glass to protect and preserve them.

The chairman of the House Committee has been very adamant about not using them for dining because they are antiques, something about pizza grease, pop can rings and other nasty things that cause stains.

Since the best way to "beat them" is "to join them", so—we made the decision to cover the tables with glass tops. Now we had a plan, so how do we get the money to do it?

York Rite Bodies to the rescue! All the York Rite bodies who meet in our building contributed glass table tops to ensure that no damage occurs to these beautiful tables. All are hopeful that this gift from the 1920 Scottish Rite Class will last another 100 years.

Next time you are in the dining room walk over to the court area and see these tables and chairs for yourself, which are a part of our history here in this building. Then amble over to the long table against the back wall and you will see etched on the glass the names of those who provided the funds for the glass table tops.

The Building

Brotherhood and Reflections on the 14th Degree

Each of us has a different reason for being active in the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite. Whether it's the ritual work, the social aspect of the fraternity or the charitable work we do with RiteCare, we all belong for our own personal reasons.

For me, it was at first the opportunity to get acquainted with other Masonic Brothers in the Metro area. Having been raised and active in a small SW Minnesota Lodge, it was not easy to expand the circle of "brotherhood" much outside our small community. On my first night at the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite, I was totally enlightened by the number of Brothers from all around the Metro area that came together each Thursday evening to witness and perform the 29 degrees. Immediately, I felt a fraternal connection with "my" class, but more especially with all the Brothers of the Scottish Rite and now that connection has resulted in lifelong friendships.

As Venerable Master, I find myself comparing my initial feelings of excitement in the Brotherhood of the Scottish Rite with the lessons we learn in the 14°. The candidate is asked many challenging questions related to how he interacts with his Masonic Brothers and with all mankind. Has he dealt "fairly" and "honestly" with his Brothers, is he willing to "forgive", make "amends" or be "reconciled" with others. Will he "help", "aid", "assist" and "comfort" a needy Brother (and the list goes on!).

The next time you observe the 14°, reflect on the Brotherhood aspect of a Perfect Elu and how it embodies what we all enjoy as members of the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite.

Roger D. Schmid, 33° Elect

Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

CENTENNIAL ORIENTATION NIGHT

First, let me thank you all for your outstanding participation last night. On a muggy, hot rainy night in August we packed 150 people into the Valley, fed and entertained them and hopefully made some inroads into making our Valley a go to place for Masonry.

Special thanks to Randy for an outstanding performance and all the Brothers from Tuesday and Thursday night that got it down on tape. Can't wait to see the results.

I am asking you to evaluate the good and the bad, what was done right and what could be better and share it with everyone on the team so that next year can be even better. Pray to the Supreme Architect that some wealthy patron comes up with the money to air condition our auditorium.

Ed Perlman, 33°





Honors for 2015

It is with great pleasure I present the list of our member that have been named to receive the honors.

33° Inspectors General Honorary

Donald James Nolley

Jacob Aaron Geer

John Rogers Gann

Monte McNab Miller

Randall Arlen Hamborg

Roger Dana Schmid



Knights Commander of the Court of Honour

Brian Michael Preuss

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David Charles Shaffer

Gene Richard Stauffacher

Kay Earl Moss

Michael John Rouillard

Noah Shepherd Bucher

Peter Ryan Hulbert

Robert Lee Darling

Timothy William Boche

William Richard Neher



Let use congratulate them on this and all the hard work they do for our Valley. It only goes to show hard work is appreciated.

Blood Drive

Hello Brethren, it is time for another blood drive. The date is Thursday, October 1st, 2015, from 3:00-6:00 pm. It can go longer if need be. I am getting this notice out early to look for donors. Please call me at 612-267-2468 to schedule a time, or email me at doom.lane@yahoo.com and tell me what time slot you prefer? I will be calling on all previous donors to donate once again. I am always looking for new or first time donors. We need YOUR blood! Thank you,

Lane Guyot; 32° K.:. C.:. C.:. H.:

Honors Dinner

The July 9th "Honor-men/VMAP dinner" was, in some ways, a huge success.

To our very pleasant surprise, over 60 Brothers participated!

The food, prepared by Brother Doley, was outstanding. The energy in the room was amazing, as several spoke about our upcoming second hundred years in our Scottish Rite Temple. Brothers Reichow and Lane introduced us to VMAP (the Valley Membership Achievement Project) and led a panel discussion on several areas. We in the Minneapolis Valley can take pride in our ratings in several areas

- BUT THERE IS MORE TO DO!! Membership Chair, Ed Perlman, introduced several new initiatives designed to aid and grow our Valley.

A Win! but incomplete.

BUT, a rain-delay! Only a hand-full of volunteer sheets were turned in at the end of the night.

Consider what you'd like to contribute. We'll put a stack of the forms in the office.

When next you are at your Rite, stop in, pick one up, and let us know how you are willing to continue serving the Minneapolis Valley. New and exciting ideas are brewing, my Brothers. Be a part of the future!



Minneapolis Council of Kadosh Feast Day Observance

Minneapolis Scottish Rite Temple

Thursday - November 5, 2015

Reception 5:30pm - Dinner 6:15pm - Program 7:00pm

DINNER COST \$25.00 *** PRIME RIB OR SALMON

Honoring our Masonic Youth Leaders

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