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### Calendar / Red Room

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

01 Dec Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting  
03 Dec 30° / **Mural Lecture**  
10 Dec 31°  
11 Dec Centennial Reunion  
4°, 14°  
12 Dec 18°, 30° and 32°  
Centennial Reunion Banquet  
17 Dec KSA Meeting

05 Jan Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting  
07 Jan 4°, 5°, 6°  
14 Jan 7°, 8°, 9°  
16 Jan Grand Lodge One Day to Masonry  
21 Jan 10°, 11°  
28 Jan 12°, 13°, KSA Meeting

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# Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

## Ritual Corner

Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren.

The fall class is moving along with some excellent ritual work. The candidates are enjoying the degrees and I invite you to come and join us. We are moving into the degrees of the Council of Kadosh. Let us examine the 22, Knight Royal Axe or Prince of Libanus.

In this degree we learn that work is the mission of man. The duties taught in the degree are to respect labor for its own sake, and to do and respect the work accomplished and done by others. The saw, plane, and axe represent determination, equality, and to let the light of truth shine in the world. Albert Pike stated, "Sympathy with the great laboring classes, respect for labor itself, and resolution to do some good work in our day and generation, these are the lessons of this degree, and they are purely Masonic." (Morals and Dogma, p. 340). Let us all respect the hard work of others and labor to do our best in our own work as well.

The degrees of the Scottish Rite teach profound and important lessons for all Masons. They teach us philosophies and ideas that can make us better men, and help us make the world a better place. I urge you to join us for the Council of Kadosh and Consistory degrees as the fall class continues and culminates in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion on December 11 and 12.

Fraternally,

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

Ritual Director, Minneapolis Valley



## Veterans Day

November 11 is Veterans Day. It is a day set aside to remember those who serve our country. Our nation was defended by the men and women that were willing to lay their life on the line. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who have served in the military of our country and being willing to shed blood to defend us. On November 11, I ask that you remember those who have served our nation and say thank you to them.

Anonymous



## What is "Light"?

When asked what we desire, we all have answered, "Light". So what is it exactly that we seek? What kind of Light do you seek? A scientist may answer: "It's a visible electromagnetic radiation", or "A packet of photons". An artist may reply: "It's a natural radiance, an illumination", or "that natural agent by which things are made visible, and hence, beautiful". A theologian or philosopher may reply: "It's a source of illuminating grace and strength, or "It's a manifestation of Truth and our Moral Core".

However we choose to define the term, we quickly realize that its definition is as multiple and ineffable as anything we have ever seriously considered. The various Degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry teach serious and deep truths about the concept of "Masonic Light". Some as a pure idea or concept, often by allegory and symbolism. They teach in scientific terms, in artistic concepts, in religious and philosophical study. We teach both that none of us hold the real answer to the question: WHAT IS "LIGHT"? And we learn that we ALL have the answer!

So what now? Share the journey. Aid and assist your Brothers, as they assist you, in discovering that "Light" that you seek! Open discussion, with respect for all viewpoints, is both a tenet of our Craft, and the real reason the Education Committee exists. Stop by between the degrees, share in the discussion, add to (and maybe even discover a few new) definitions of "LIGHT"!

Monte M. Miller, 33° Elect  
Chair of the Education Committee



## From the Personal Representative

What we have in common ...

We know that what we have in common as Masons helps make our differences seem smaller. The Centennial of our Scottish Rite lets us celebrate what we have in common - 100 years of welcoming new Masons to the Scottish Rite in our beautiful building.

Your family and school reunions invite you to enjoy what you have in common with family and friends. We've set aside December 11 and 12 to welcome new Masons and enjoy some of what we have in common in Scottish Rite Masonry - Brotherly Love and Friendship - at our Reunion.

Seek out that Master Mason in your Blue Lodge, or who you know from work or church and encourage him to become a part of our history and help meet our goal of 100 new members in 2015. And be sure to set aside that weekend for yourself and your spouse - to visit and make new friends and celebrate the Minneapolis Scottish Rite. Social events for candidates, Scottish Rite Masons and their guests are planned for Friday and Saturday of the Reunion Weekend. Enjoy your piece of history with us.

So May We Ever ...

David N. Kampf, 33°  
Personal Representative



# Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

## RiteCare Surges Ahead

The October 2 Fundraising Gala sponsored by RiteCare of Minneapolis-St. Paul was a rousing success, thanks to a lot of work and great cooperation between the two Valleys, and the strong support of SGIG Jerry and Peg Oliver whose fabled BBQ and Tenderloin Dinner parties raised approximately \$3,000. This helped the Gala meet its target of approximately \$10,000, and plans are already in place for a similar event in 2016.

RiteCare of Minneapolis/St. Paul has increased its grant capacity considerably over the past year, thanks in large part to the growing support of Brethren of both Valleys and the Minnesota Masonic Charities. RiteCare is the charitable arm of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Valleys and needs 100% commitment of the membership. It literally opens the future to children with speech and language disorders by supplying grants for treatment. Currently we fund treatment for 45 children, and the list is growing. These children and their families are living proof of the power of giving.

Fundraising for these grants continues. Support received from individual members of the Scottish Rite has been growing, support that is essential and deeply appreciated by the families you impact and the children whose future you empower. Nearly 98% of all donations received goes directly to treatment services. The percentage of participating Brethren also impresses outside individuals and organizations alike that are considering donations. You are not only helping one child, you are making life better for an entire family.

And we have barely begun to meet the need. This is a journey you want to be part of, so please consider joining the sustaining members of YOUR charitable organization.

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## Chapter of the Rose Croix

A few weeks ago, the Chapter of the Rose Croix presented the 18°. In this, we reflect upon importance of our history; and the men who formed it for us. These questions came from discussion about history among Brothers: Why do we preserve our ancient usages, traditions and landmarks? What is the meaning of Scottish Rite Masonry in America? What is the purpose of my own title of Knight Rose Croix of Heredom? How did America grow to be part of this ancient Craft?

Etienne Morin introduced Scottish Rite Masonry in America. Morin held a patent dated August 27, 1761, from the Rite of Perfection or Heredom, Orient of Paris, rewarding him for zealous service, "Done the Order", that gave him authority to establish perfect and sublime Masonry in the "New World". Etienne was conferred the high title of Grand Master Inspector, to assist him in his endeavors.

Brother Morin's authority emanated from the Deputies General of the Grand Masters, The Grand Lodge of St. John of Jerusalem and The Grand Council of the Regular Lodges under the protection of the Grand and Sovereign Lodge. He was further awarded the powers of "Substitutions" to create a Symbolic Lodge in America. This allowed him to create the Deputy Inspectors who became the Deputy Grand Inspectors General of that rank and degree.

The French Freemasons at this point in history were willing to share these "higher" degrees without editing or lowering them in other ways. Our own Craft Lodges at the time were specifically lowered by English Lodges to not share full Masonic teachings with the Colonies. Example when William Preston's Middle Chamber was taught in America it was lowered to 15 Steps (3, 5 & 7); compared to the 36 taught in England (1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11). To this day British Lodges still teach 25 steps in the Middle Chamber of their Fellow Craft Degree.

Our Sublime Grand Lodge of Perfection was established in Charleston, South Carolina; where in 1786 the Grand Constitutions combined the original twenty-five degrees to seven other degrees, increasing the number to thirty-two. It created the Thirty-Third Degree as well; known as the Governing Degree, of the "New Rite."

"The Mother Council of the World" was recognized on May 31, 1801 when The Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree for the United States of America was organized at Charleston, South Carolina. Think of it, all this was accomplished prior to the Louisiana Purchase. Shortly thereafter, since harmony must prevail, the Supreme Grand Council at Charleston granted a request of charter to establish the Northern Council on August 5, 1813.

Heretofore and forever after, we honor and revere our historic title and source of governance known as, "The Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, Mother Council of the World, of the Inspectors General for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America."

Randall Hamborg 33°

Wise Master Chapter Rose Croix



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## 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.:

Editor





**Centennial Reunion Weekend and Banquet**

- The Minneapolis Scottish Rite Centennial Reunion Weekend and Banquet is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12, 2015.
- Master Masons who join the Minneapolis Valley during the Centennial Reunion Weekend will receive a commemorative medallion celebrating the Centennial at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Temple.
- Candidates Note – Candidates for the Centennial Reunion Weekend are required to attend the Friday and Saturday degrees and events. Candidates for the Centennial Reunion Weekend must arrive at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite no later than 4:00 PM on Friday December 11, 2015. Candidates must arrive at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite no later than 8:00 AM on Saturday, December 12, 2015.
- Spouses and guests of the Candidates should arrive at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite at 6:30 PM on Friday, December 11 to attend the reception. Spouses and guests of the Candidates should arrive at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite at 5:00 PM on Saturday, December 12 for the Centennial Banquet.
- Petitions to join the Minneapolis Scottish Rite during the Centennial Reunion Weekend must be accompanied by the \$125.00 Initiation Fee and MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.
- Scottish Rite members who are the top line signers for at least two new members in 2015 will also receive a commemorative medallion as a Thank You from the Valley.
- The Centennial Reunion Weekend will conclude on Saturday, December 12 with a celebration of our Centennial and a gala banquet. The banquet is complementary for candidates of the Reunion and the Fall 2015 Class and their guest. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED for all in attendance. The Cost will be \$32.00 per person and will include complementary wine. Members of the Scottish Rite (and candidates) are encouraged to invite guests and potential candidates for the Scottish Rite and for Masonry to attend this exciting Centennial Celebration.

**Dinners / Social Events**

**Friday:**

6:30 PM Buffet (hors d'oeuvres) and cash bar. Buffet is free of charge for all attendees, candidates and candidates' guests.

**Saturday:**

7:30 AM Coffee and donuts served in downstairs lounge. (Free for all in attendance.)

11:30 AM Lunch. Free for class and \$10.00 for all others in attendance.

5:00 PM Cash Bar and Reception (hors d'oeuvres) .

6:00 PM Centennial Reunion Banquet. Free for candidates and spouse/ guest, \$32.00 for all others. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Wine will be provided for each table.

**Suggested Attire for Candidates, guests and Scottish Rite Masons:**

Friday – Business Casual for the Scottish Rite Degrees and reception. Jacket preferred.

Saturday – Business Casual for the Scottish Rite 18° and 30°. Black Tie / formal preferred for 32° and Banquet.

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**Centennial Reunion Schedule**

**Friday – December 11:**

4:00 PM Candidates arrive for registration, introductions and instruction.

5:00 PM 4° in the Auditorium.

6:05 PM 14° in the Auditorium.

6:30 PM Reception and cash bar.

7:35 PM 14° concludes. Candidates and cast can join the reception.

9:00 PM Close.

**Saturday – December 12:**

8:00 AM Candidates arrive for registration, coffee, donuts and instruction.

9:00 AM 18° in the Auditorium – Break at 9:45 to change scene.

11:00 AM 30° in the Auditorium.

11:30 AM Lunch ready for Scottish Rite Members and workers.

12:30 PM 30° concludes. Lunch for Class.

12:30 PM Long Form Class members arrive for lunch.

1:00 PM Class Education for Long Form and Reunion Classes.

1:45 PM Class Photo in the Red Room.

2:00 PM 32° in the Auditorium – Break at 2:45 for scene change.

5:00 PM 32° concludes.

5:00 PM Centennial Reception. Cash Bar opens.

6:00 PM Centennial Reunion Banquet – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

9:00 PM Close.