

News Article

I am extremely honored, humbled and excited to be appointed as a Deputy for the Scottish Rite in the Orient of Minnesota. The Orient of Minnesota has had a long tradition of outstanding ritual work and membership success. Our leadership, both at the Orient and Valley level, has been strong, and it is my hope to continue on the legacy drafted by our retiring S.G.I.G.

It is my hope that we can focus our efforts within the Scottish Rite on education, proving to all of the Craft that the Scottish Rite is truly the University of Freemasonry. To do this, we will continue our strong ritual work. We have a great story to tell, and we need to get that story out to Freemasonry at large. We hope to do this through educational presentations throughout the Orient.

In addition, I hope that we can focus our efforts on membership and retention. There are many Freemasons in Minnesota who would benefit from and enjoy membership in the Scottish Rite. We need to strive to make membership easier and fulfilling for them.

Perhaps most importantly, we need to focus on our members. While we support many great philanthropies, there is nothing more important to us than the welfare of our brothers. I hope to work with individual Valleys to eliminate brothers dropping from the Scottish Rite because of nonpayment of dues. Likewise, we need to watch out for the welfare of our brothers and be there when they are in need. To do this, we need to maintain our good communication efforts and constantly be aware of areas in which we can be of assistance.

Finally, it is my hope that we can all work together for the betterment of the Scottish Rite. The Scottish Rite creed is something we should all remember:

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

By working together, it is my hope that we can continue our tradition of excellence in Minnesota and expand the Scottish Rite in new and exciting ways.

Tony R. Krall, 33° I.:G.:H.: as Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Orient of Minnesota.

RiteCare of Minneapolis-St. Paul

The Board would like to thank the Brothers who responded this past year with monthly, semi-annual, or annual donations via on-line or mailing a check to support our philanthropic mission: Helping Children Communicate with Speech, Language and Literacy.

RiteCare of Minneapolis-St. Paul is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Tax-exempt donations can be made on-line at: RiteCareMpls.org/donate If you would like to discuss making a recurring donation or an endowed gift, contact us at: donate@ritecaremsp.org

RiteCare of Minneapolis-St. Paul is unique in that 100% of all donations go directly to the care of these children. We currently serve 65 children in the seven-county metro area. We would like to increase the number of children served and expand into other counties. At this time, we can only do that through you, our Brothers and Sisters in the Masonic Community. Please help us help the children who are our future.

Our 5th Annual RiteCare Gala Fundraiser will be Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center. Come make a difference in how children communicate.

Support Rite Care of Minneapolis-St. Paul.

My Brethren

In Freemasonry, our greatest duty is to each other. Our Craft forms a mighty connection between all of us. We must all remember that Our Craft is only as strong as the weakest link. In every facet of the Minneapolis Valley we have watched bonds grow stronger and others snap. Brothers fall over one another to grasp at the lost connection, but too often we miss the fraying of our promises and obligations that weaken our entire Fraternity. Together our belief is good will always win. We have a boundless

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source of energy from above; and together we will raise Our Brothers up in every manner we are able. We pay attention to the building of those bonds in two special ways, on one very important evening. On Thursday, March 22nd, we will all gather in the Auditorium at 6:00 pm for the ceremony of Remembrance of all the Brothers who laid down their working tools in 2017 ACE (5777 A.:M.:). Brother Terrance Schaffer 32° M.:R.:S.:, Senior Warden of Our Chapter Rose Croix will preside in the East.

The Mystic Banquet will immediately follow the ceremony in the Dining Hall. It will include toasts of Fraternal Love, Renewal and Remembrance of Our Departed Family Members. The Mystic Banquet has not been held at the Minneapolis Valley for over 40 years and it will be an amazing night.

41 Class Members will be eligible to receive their Patent of the Knight Rose Croix with their anointed title.

The immediate family members of our recently lost Brothers have been sent invitations to join us for the service and dinner. The Knights of St. Andrew will assist in hosting the event.

We cordially invite you to gather with us in feast and fellowship.

Remembrance Ceremony: 6:00 pm, Social: 6:30 pm, with the Mystic Banquet to follow immediately.

Please contact the office to RSVP. If you can assist with rides or want to help the KSA please let us know.

Fraternally,

Nick Settich 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:

Wise Master Chapter Rose Croix

Lodge of Perfection

Here's wishing you all the best in this New Year. It truly is a new beginning! New candidates for the new cycle of Scottish Rite Degrees, new Scottish Rite Brothers helping with the degree work, and jumping in to help in the different committees such as Properties, Choir, Dining Room, Knights of St. Andrew, Lighting, Sound, Ritual, Education and Communications. We thank you one and all. If you're not yet involved and would like to be, let a

Committee member know, and you can help when your schedule permits. The best part is you don't always have to be present every Thursday night to do your part. It's all of us helping when and where we can to make the Scottish Rite the place to be.

Once you obtain the 14°, you're welcome to attend the Lodge of Perfection business meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm held at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite. The Lodge of Perfection annual meeting is March 6th, following the business stated meeting at 7:30.

Mark your calendars for March 22nd, the Chapter Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony and Feast. This is an open event starting at 5:30 pm. I've heard it sung on the radio the other day "The days are long, but the years go by fast." Brothers, no truer words were ever spoken. Why, just in the last year: Our family received one of God's greatest gifts, our first Grandchild; I was elected Venerable Master Lodge of Perfection; enjoyed returning to Washington, DC, not only to see the sights I hadn't seen since living there the first two years of my life, but to have the 33° conferred on me and some 300 other Scottish Rite Brothers from the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States; served my first degree cycle as Venerable Master of the 14° in September; and as you read, this is my second cycle as Venerable Master. Where does the time go? Brothers, take time each day for faith, family and friends, it's the glue that binds us together and gets us through life's moments.

Enjoy,

Steven Stromness, 33° I.:G.:H.:

Venerable Master

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Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren

The degrees of the Spring class have been excellent, and the degree work by the Directors, Cast, and other Committees is helping our new Scottish Rite Brothers find further light in their Masonic journey.

I am always impressed by the hard work and dedication of our Scottish Rite Brethren and urge



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you to come and watch the degrees with the candidates. As the degrees continue, there are many great lessons to be learned. Today, let us investigate the 24°, Prince of the Tabernacle. This degree represents an initiation into the Greater Mysteries and their concepts. We learn that our duties are to labor for the glory of God, the honor of our country, and the happiness of our Brethren. We learn of the power of faith, that the soul is immortal, and there is

one true God in all existence. We also learn that the mysteries have in all ages been taught using symbols. Albert Pike states, "Symbolical instruction is recommended by the constant and uniform usage of antiquity...The Deity in his revelations to man, adopted the use of material images for the purpose of enforcing the sublime truths.... (Morals & Dogma, pg. 372).

Join us to learn what these symbols teach and hear and listen to the lessons from this and the following degrees. Help our new Scottish Rite Brothers in their search for Masonic Light, and in the process, continue your journey as well. See you at the Rite.

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

Fellow Knights

I bring you greetings from our Knight Commander and trust you had a wonderful holiday season with friends and family. That means we are now right back into the thick of our spring degrees. As always there are many projects and events we are to be a part of and that is no different this session. Every Thursday night can be a mix of needs for the Valley. Properties may need some help setting up and tearing down. Sound and lighting may need assistance gearing up a Brother. Channel your inner Don Fanning and hang out with your Brothers during dinner.

Or WB Lee may be tapping you for a fun spot on the floor as a stump-sitter, or maybe getting

in your exercise as a guard keeping the kings safe from harm! Variety is the spice, which is why we became Knights.

We do have a couple of events coming up this session we have been asked to assist with in particular. So I will ask that we please get to our KSA secretary and help update our records. We need every Knights help in getting as many emails on his communication list as possible. Even if you think he has it, I ask that we all follow up with him, all Knights new and old.

A preemptive thanks for following up with Bill on our records and an even larger thanks for all you do in assisting the functions of the Valley. Your actions make me proud to call myself a Knight of St Andrew!

Brad Pohlman, 32°

KSA Senior Warden

E-News

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**Jason Lang, 32° M.:R.:S.:
E-News update editor**

From the Desk of the Editor

If you have anything to say about your Rite brothers should know about please let me know. This is your Newsletter so speak up. Any event that would be of interest please submit it to me at dshaffer@USA.com

**David C. Shaffer, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
Editor of the Sun**



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Calendar / Red Room

- 01 Mar 21°, 22°
Valley Update by Ill. David Kampf, 33°
- 06 Mar Heads of the Bodies/Stated Meeting
Lodge of Perfection Annual Meeting
- 08 Mar 23°, 24°
Ancient Fake News by Scott Wolter, 32°
- 15 Mar 25°, 26°
Orient update by Ill. Tony Krall, 33°
- 22 Mar Chapter Remembrance and
Renewal Ceremony and Mystic Banquet
Open Event
KSA Meeting
- 29 Mar Dark Maundy Thursday
- 03 Apr Heads of the Bodies/Stated Meeting
Chapter Annual Meeting
- 05 Apr 27°
*Grand Master Presentation by
MWB John Studell, 33°*
- 12 Apr Dark Grand Lodge Annual Session
- 19 Apr 28° 29°
Mural Lecture by Ill. Monte Miller, 33°
- 26 Apr 31°

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