



Minneapolis Consistory Feast

In many years past, when the spring cycle of degrees was completed, we used to have what was called the workers dinner. This dinner was a free dinner to all of the Brothers who had so diligently worked to put on two cycles of degrees. This included all of the committees in the Minneapolis Valley – sound, lighting, properties, choir, dining room, greeters, wardrobe, make-up, kitchen, office staff, and any other committees that I have not mentioned.

Fifteen years ago, the Consistory came up with the idea of creating an evening that would be similar to going to an Academy Award Ceremony. This included a very nice meal down in the dining room, followed by an Award Ceremony held in the Auditorium. This Consistory Feast has been a tradition since its inception and we hope will continue long into the future. This award program is no small undertaking, and we have to use almost all of the committees in order to make the evening happen.

We have Job's Daughters from one or two of our Bethels, dressed in beautiful gowns to escort the winners to the East to receive their awards, and then back to their seats. While they are being escorted, we have an amazing piano player who plays great impromptu piano music to keep the ceremony alive and fun. The Consistory Officers are all dressed in tuxedos and the Auditorium is always decked out to look like the stage of an Academy Award Ceremony. You really can't get a more grand room than our auditorium to hold an event like that.

Oscar Award-looking trophies are ordered for individual recipients, or groups of recipients. Many of the awards are given to individual actors in the degrees because of their excellence in one of the following categories: Best Actor in a Leading Role; Best Supporting Actor in a Major Role; Best Supporting Actor in a Minor Role; Best New (Neophyte) Actor; Best Actor in a New Role; Best Orator; Best Director; and several others.

Some of the awards are given to individuals who have non-acting roles but may be on a committee or doing something related to the degree work, or in supporting each Thursday evening as a whole. These awards would include: Wardrobe; Dining Room; Properties; Sound; Lighting; Greeters; Office Staff; KSA; and several others.

Some of the awards are given to groups of people who have worked together on a degree or on a committee. These awards would include: Best Team Award, which is given to several actors who played off of each other to make their degree really fly; The Lodge of the Year Award which awards the Lodge which brings in the highest number of new members each year, and is presented on a plaque which is presented to the Master of that Lodge – a second identical plaque is hung in the lobby of the Scottish Rite; and The Best Degree Award which is given to the entire Degree team who put on the most memorable degree of the entire year. This award is put on a Loving Cup and is kept at the Scottish Rite for all to see and enjoy during the year.

Refreshments are served after the award ceremony for social time and congratulations!

This event is a great event which is the culmination of each Scottish Rite Year. If you haven't been to one of these Consistory Feasts and award ceremonies, you really should consider coming. It is an event which you will enjoy and remember.

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Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

Ritual Corner

What a great Spring class of Scottish Rite Degrees. We finished the degrees with a flourish of our two-day Reunion with the 18°, 30°, and 32° on a wonderful, Saturday in May! It is always a thrill to watch our new Masters of the Royal Secret achieve the 32°. Congratulations to all the Bodies of the Rite, and all the Committees for their hard work in making our classes a success.

During June and July, there will be no degrees performed at the Rite. The Fall class begins again the second half of August, and I know it will be a fantastic set of degrees! During the summer, while there will not be degrees being performed, there will still be social activities at the Rite. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy some fellowship and introduce your families to the Scottish Rite. Bring them to some events and let them see where you spend your Thursday evenings. Take them on a tour of our beautiful temple and let them meet the Brethren of the Scottish Rite.

When the degrees begin again in August, keep those Thursday nights open. There are many opportunities to participate in making our degrees happen. All the committees: Properties, Sound, Lighting, Dining, Education, Wardrobe, Ritual and more can always use more members. Even if you can be there to help out for one or two degrees, all your participation will be most appreciated. The degrees of the Scottish Rite contain powerful and thought-provoking messages. Invite your Brothers to join the University of Freemasonry, to further their journey toward Masonic light. And join them in seeing again the degrees of the Fall Class. I look forward to seeing you there!

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock, 32°, KCCH

Ritual Director, Minneapolis Valley

RiteCare of MSP Donor Recognition Program

RiteCare of Minneapolis-St Paul has recently developed a program to recognize monthly donors by awarding each donor with a bronze lapel pin (image shown below).

This is part of the RiteCare initiative to encourage 100% participation by all Scottish Rite Brothers.

The original donor recognition program considered awards for a variety of donation scenarios, such as annual one-time donations and random one-time donations, but decided to go forward with an initial program for monthly donors.

Illustrious Brother Jerry B. Oliver, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Minnesota has agreed to act as a board Ex-Officio member to promote the monthly contribution/pin program. Arrangements have been made for him to present at the St. Paul BBQ as well as at a Minneapolis Valley Red Room presentation in the near future. Illustrious Brother Jerry was also the very first recipient of a monthly donor pin and wore it proudly to his next Scottish Rite meeting.

There are currently twenty-one (21) Scottish Rite members participating in monthly donations with a majority of the members being from the Minneapolis Valley. This might be due to St. Paul's original program being set up on an annual basis.



To receive a pin there is no set monthly amount to contribute. So look for information on this exciting new program in your email and print communications from

the Scottish Rite - and consider becoming a monthly donor to join the brothers who are proudly wearing this distinctive recognition.



SAVE THIS DATE

August 9, 2018

5:00 pm

**Brotherhood
of the
Big Tent**

All Masons of any degree, their Wives / Significant others and interested guests are invited

Grand Lodge and Appending Bodies are invited to have a information table and / or display

Besides tipping a glass and breaking bread, we are also making available pool, darts, cards etc.

RSVP's Are Required!

Dinner—Illustrious Jerry Oliver and his BBQ Team
Cost—\$10 per person
Cash Bar—By the Lowry
Email the Scottish Rite at: Jackie@aasrmn.org
Or Call the Office at: 612-871-1500

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From the Desk of the Editor

If you have anything to say that 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

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Calendar / Red Room

03 Jul Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting
26 Jul KSA Meeting

07 Aug Heads of the Bodies / Stated Meeting
09 Aug Welcome to the Rite Night
23 Aug 4°, 5°, 6°
30 Aug 7°, 8°, 9°
KSA Meeting

04 Sep Heads of the Body / Stated Meeting
06 Sep 10°, 11°
13 Sep 12°, 13°
20 Sep 14°
22 Sep Feast of Tishri - Open Event
14° Ring Ceremony
50-year / class name recognition
27 Sep 15°, 16°
KSA Meeting

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