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BRETHREN LOST AS OF JANUARY 2021

- * John C. De Moss
 - * Glenn D. Kiecker
 - * John G. Nelson
 - * William R. Newell
 - * Vernon Parell
 - * Stanley K. Singleton
- * David A. Weidenfeller



FROM THE DESK OF
MARK EVAN PREWETT, 32° M.:R.:S.:
EDITOR FOR THE SUN

Pandemic guidelines permitting, we will be resuming our Fall Reunion on March 4 and March 6! Rose Croix is also holding their installation on April 15. More information is provided on subsequent pages!

Keep an eye out for forthcoming news in your inbox, on the Scottish Rite website, and wherever else you may receive your Scottish Rite news digitally for more information!

Would you like to work on or contribute to the newsletter? Feel free to reach out to sun@scottish-rite-mpls.org

Brother Glenn Kiecker

Brethren,
We have received a donation from the estate of Brother Glenn Kiecker. The donation comprises of forty-five books on Freemasonry, Ancient and Modern Religions, Templars, Kabbalah, and much that fills in areas of our growing collection.

Glenn has been a member of Cataract Lodge #2 since 2005. He is also a member of the Minneapolis Scottish Rite and the Shrine. He is a past President of the National Sojourners Minnesota Chapter #25 and, at the time of his death, he was the Commander of the Heroes of 76 Robert Morris Camp. As you know he was quite a history buff and genealogist. He was a very generous Mason and supported Minnesota Masonic Charities, Feed My Starving Children, and Simon Says Give with both his time and his money. He was the historian of Cataract lodge and a Past Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Please hold this Brother in your thoughts as he is on a new journey.

If you wish to donate to our library and museum, please contact the Office at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite. They can be reached at **612-871-1500**

Peter Tomlinson, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
Minneapolis Scottish Rite
Librarian



Brother Glenn Kiecker, receiving his Hiram award in 2017.



Minneapolis Valley
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
2020 Reunion

**We are Resuming our Fall Reunion
With the 30th and 32nd Degrees**

Location: 2011 Dupont Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN



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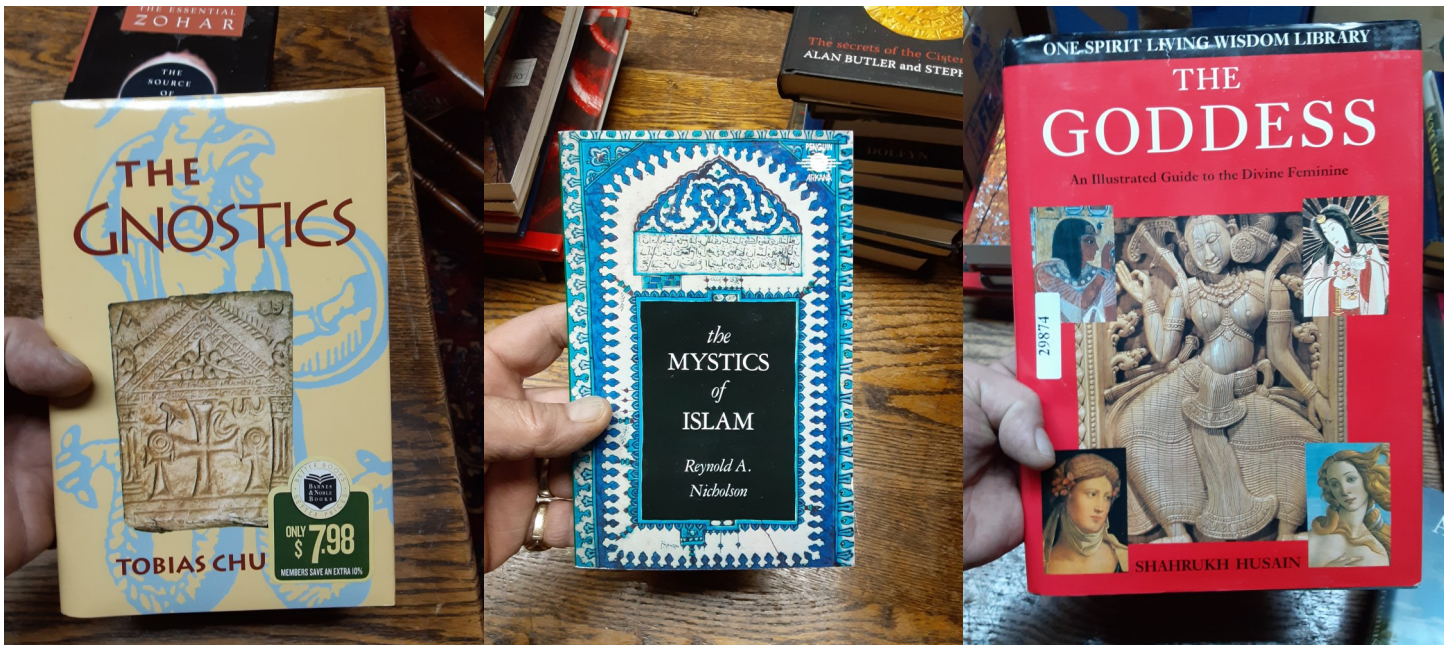
March 4th 5:45 Class Education
6:30 Degree Start



32°

March 6th 12:00 Class Education
1:00 Degree Start

As we did last fall, we will comply with all the Grand Lodge COVID restrictions for masks and social distancing as well as the distancing / zero contact requirements on the degree floor. We will not be serving meals nor will we be able to host social gatherings after the degrees. The Class members will gather in the Red Room so that distancing may be observed. Both degree events are open to all members of the Scottish Rite.



Three of the forty-five texts donated by Brother Glenn D. Kiecker to the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite Library

One Family

“No true Mason scoffs at honest convictions and an ardent zeal in the cause of what one believes to be truth and justice. But he does absolutely deny the right of any man to assume the prerogative of Deity and condemn another's faith and opinions as deserving to be punished because heretical.”

-10th degree, *Elu of the Fifteen*

As we transition from one presidential administration to another, and Americans seem more divided than ever, I thought it would be good to reflect on this important lesson. In the above quote, Pike touches on one of the fundamental cornerstones of what it means to be a Mason. It is the very soul of Masonry's great teachings. An idea that can be summarized as, your freedom ends where it infringes on mine. As a rule, we Masons do not discuss religion or politics in lodge because passions run high on these subjects, making harmony more difficult.

If I have learned one thing in my Masonic journey, it is to focus on what unites us rather than what divides us. After all, it has been the strength of our republic for nearly 250 years. It is something we must always be cognizant of in our dealings with our brothers, but it should not stop at the lodge door, it should extend to everyone we meet. We are taught in the Entered Ap-

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prentice degree, “...to regard the whole human species as one family”, something I know I am all too often guilty of not doing. But there is a reason this basic lesson is taught in a candidate's introduction to Freemasonry. The human brain is built to divide and categorize, separating people into “us” and “them”. It is this animal instinct that we as Masons are taught to rise above.

So as our political temperature reaches a fever point, remind yourself of this lesson. Take the time to allow passions to cool before judging too quickly. While your opinions are right for you, they may not be right for someone with entirely different life experiences. Give others the benefit of the doubt, assume they are as equally convinced of their opinion as you are of yours and let us all help to concentrate on unity instead of division. Lead by example so that the reputation of the “institution be firmly established, and the world at large convinced of its good effects.”

M. Justin Thompson, 32^o M.:R.:S.:
Education Committee



Chapter of Rose Croix

Annual Meeting & Installation



Covid-19 has forced us to shutdown most of 2020 and as we move into 2021 and look towards a more stable year, the Officers of the Chapter of Rose Croix will be holding their Annual Meeting & Installation on a Special Night.

Thursday April 15th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. (Red Room)

Immediately following this short meeting, the Chapter will be installing the New Officers for the next two years. (7:00 p.m. or so)

Sadly, we are unable to have a reception and such, but in the hopes of getting some sort of normalcy coming back, we would love to have some of you join us for the night!

Current Covid Guidelines limits occupancy to 50.

Please RSVP to:

WB Terrance M. Schaffer, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.: at sweetidiot@aol.com



Covid-19 guidelines briefly allowed the Valley to hold part of a Fall Class which included performing a modified 18th Degree. The Valley is looking forward to putting on the 30th and 32nd degrees this March!

ROSE CROIX INSTALLATION

Brothers,
 We come into 2021 with hopes of a better year than 2020. We look forward to returning to Degrees and all those things that make this Scottish Rite so great. My personal journey as an Officer of the Chapter of Rose Croix is coming to an end and even with Covid shutting down a large part of it, it has been an honor to serve the Valley and be a part of what we do.

That said, the work is not yet done and the Chapter of Rose Croix will be holding its Annual Meeting this year on a Special night: Thursday, April 15, 2021. We normally hold this after the Heads of Bodies Meeting but hope that, tradition prevailing, WB Curt Quast will be moving into the East and so we plan to have the Installation of Of-

ficers immediately following the meeting.

Of course, due to Covid and such we cannot have a reception or other aspects to celebrate this event, and even with limited seating (Again Covid Rules) we would like to invite those who are willing to come down and attend the meeting and

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stay for the short Installation in the Red Room. As always, all Scottish Rite Brothers are invited to attend both.

We would also like to introduce the incoming member to the Rose Croix line, our new Standard Bearer, Brother Mark Prewett. Mark is a

very active member of the Valley since joining in the Fall of 2017. Taking part in several Degrees as well as taking over as Editor of the SUN for the Valley. He will make a great addition to the Officers and we hope you will all welcome and congratulate him in his upcoming position.

WB Terrance M. Schaffer, 32°
 K.:C.:C.:H.:
 Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix

