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BRETHREN LOST AS OF MARCH 2021

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

Your digital SUN has gone through some minor upgrades since our last issue. You can now click on the QR code at the bottom of the page to go to our Valley's brand new Instagram profile (you can also scan the QR code with your phone and Instagram app to follow the page immediately).

The flyer on page 3 is also interactive. Clicking on it will take you directly to the virtual degree registration page.

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

RITUAL CORNER

Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren.
In May 2021, the Minneapolis Valley will host a Virtual Reunion of the Minnesota Orient. This is an opportunity to see the 4th through 14th degrees communicated via Zoom meeting on May 6th and May 7th. These virtual degrees will be followed by live performances of the 18th, 30th, and 32nd degrees on May 13th, 20th, and 22nd at the Minneapolis Valley. These terminal degrees introduce and explain many concepts from Scottish Rite philosophy. They take you to different times and places, reveal the lost word of Freemasonry, and the Royal Secret of the 32nd degree.

The 30th degree, Knight Kadosh or Knight of the White and Black Eagle, is the terminal degree for the Council of Knights Kadosh. It is the last of the Chivalric Degrees of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. This degree teaches us to labor unceasingly for the good of mankind. We are taught to arm ourselves with faith in God, love toward

our fellow men, and knowledge. It leads to reflection of the question, Are the knightly virtues obsolete in the modern world? The Knights Kadosh of today do not fight against a physical enemy, but must follow these duties by fighting against ignorance, spiritual tyranny, despotism, and vice. We must be steadfast in adversity and understand that man is supreme over institutions.

Join us at the Virtual Reunion and at the live degrees to hear again and explore these concepts of the Knight Kadosh. I look forward to seeing you and learning these lessons together.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock,
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Ritual Director



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2021 CALENDAR

APRIL

Thursday 01 Education
 Tuesday 06 6:00 KSA Meeting
 6:30 Heads of Bodies
 7:30 Stated Meeting
 Thursday 08 6:00 LoP Installation
 Thursday 15 6:30 Rose Croix Install

MAY

Tuesday 04 6:00 KSA Meeting
 6:30 Heads of Bodies
 7:30 Stated Meeting
Thursday 06 6:30 Virtual 4°
Friday 07 6:30 Virtual 14°
 Thursday 13 6:30 18°
 Thursday 20 6:30 30°
 Saturday 22 1:00 32°

JUNE

Tuesday 01 6:00 KSA Meeting
 6:30 Heads of Bodies
 7:30 Stated Meeting

JULY

Tuesday 06 6:00 KSA Meeting
 6:30 Heads of Bodies
 7:30 Stated Meeting

AUGUST

Tuesday 03 6:00 KSA Meeting
 6:30 Heads of Bodies
 7:30 Stated Meeting
 Thursday 19 5:00 BBQ Social
 Thursday 26 6:30 Orientation

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 02 6:00 4°, 5°, 6°
 Tuesday 07 6:00 KSA Meeting
 6:30 Heads of Bodies
 7:30 Stated Meeting
 Thursday 09 6:00 7°, 8°, 9°
 Thursday 16 6:30 10°, 11°
 Thursday 23 6:30 12°, 13°
 Saturday 25 3:00 14°, Feast
 Thursday 30 6:00 15°, 16°

OCTOBER

Tuesday 05 6:00 KSA Meeting
 6:30 Heads of Bodies
 7:30 Stated Meeting
 Thursday 07 6:00 17°, 18°
 Thursday 14 6:30 19°, 20°
 Thursday 21 6:30 21°, 22°
 Saturday 23 TBD KCCH
 Thursday 28 6:30 23°, 24°
 Saturday 30 6:00 Council Fesst

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 02 6:00 KSA Meeting
 6:30 Heads of Bodies
 7:30 Stated Meeting
 Thursday 04 6:30 25° & 26°
 Thursday 11 6:30 27°
 Thursday 18 6:30 28° & 29°
**Thursday 25 Dark for Thanksgiv-
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DECEMBER

Thursday 02 6:30 30°
 Tuesday 07 6:00 KSA Meeting
 6:30 Heads of Bodies
 7:30 Stated Meeting

Thursday 09 6:30 31°
 Saturday 11 2:00 32°

MINNEAPOLIS SCOTTISH RITE VALLEY = 2021 SPRING = REUNION

A unique and first time ever opportunity to become a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

WHEN

Virtual Online 4th - 14th Degrees presented
May 6th - 7th, 2021 at 6:00 pm each evening.

18th, 30th, and 32nd Degrees

Thursday, May 13th – 18th Degree

Thursday, May 20th – 30th Degree

Saturday, May 22nd – 32nd Degree

WHERE

Virtual Online – YOUR Computer.

In-Person Degrees – Presented at the
Historic Minneapolis Scottish Rite.

More details to follow.

HOW

Petitions and Fees are Due to the
Minneapolis Valley by April 30th.

**ALL MASTER
MASONS ARE
ELIGIBLE TO
PETITION**

FEES

\$395 Which includes
all Petition and Degree
Fees.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Scottish Rite Members
and Candidates please
register at the link listed
below before May 4th.

Register at:

[https://scottish-rite-
mn.org/orient/2021-
orient-of-minnesota-
degrees](https://scottish-rite-mn.org/orient/2021-orient-of-minnesota-degrees)

QUESTIONS

Contact your Double
Eagle or call / email the
Minneapolis Scottish
Rite Valley Office with
questions:

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Things are looking brighter for the Valley. Our 2020 Spring and Fall classes were able to complete their journey to the Master of the Royal Secret with the help of our fantastic degree teams in the 18°, 30°, and 32°!

TWENTY-NINE MORE FOR YOU

After the conclusion of our most recent thirty-second degree, one of the candidates told me that while he enjoyed the degree very much, he really didn't learn anything new, and thought the lessons he heard throughout the degrees were actually quite simple. I responded with the old quip that the twenty-nine more degrees of the Scottish Rite were just additional versions of the first three degrees of blue lodge masonry. We had a good laugh about it but in my opinion, there is some truth in that statement. Though our degrees contain complex symbolism and little-known history, the lessons they are meant to convey, while time proven, are fairly elementary. In fact, they are that way by design.

The system of Masonic degrees, or really any initiative ritual, is not made to just convey knowledge; that is only a means to an end. The real purpose of an initiation is to

cause lasting change in the receiver by giving them the tools to guide them on a journey of self-discovery. It is not necessarily important for the candidate to know what every symbol means but that the overall message of the ritual has resonance

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known history and to pose thought provoking questions. We recognize the diversity of the lives our candidates live and the different viewpoints they bring to the discussion. By using the multitude of degrees to probe these time proven lessons, we have a better chance of touching on an element that triggers a "eureka" moment from their unique perspective.

M. Justin Thompson, 32° M.:R.:S.:
Education Committee

