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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MARCH

THURSDAY

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REMEMBRANCE & RENEWAL

\*Every first Tuesday of the month is the Heads of Bodies and Knights of Saint Andrew meetings

\*\*Unless otherwise stated, every Thursday is Rite night!

\*\*\*Dinners are every Thursday before the degrees. You can RSVP and pay for your meal by [clicking here](#)

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**Albert Pike**

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## RITUAL CORNER

**G**reetings Scottish Rite Brethren.

The Spring class for 2022 begins a new cycle of degrees. A part of our journey to help bring more light to the Masonic journeys of our new candidates. I am always impressed by the hard work and dedication of our Scottish Rite Brethren in performing the degrees and urge you to come and watch the degrees with the candidates.

As our candidates are learning from and enjoying the Lodge of Perfection degrees. Let us look ahead and examine a Chapter Rose Croix degree, the 16th degree, Prince of Jerusalem. This degree tells a story of the people of Israel who have returned from captivity in Babylon and are trying to rebuild the Temple of Solomon. The lesson of this degree is to remind us to build our inner temples in our heart by following Masonic truths. Two of these truths that are also duties of a Prince of Jerusalem are justice and equity. Albert Pike states, “The Princes of Jerusalem no longer sit as magistrates to judge between the people...Justice and Equity are still their characteristics. To reconcile disputes and heal dissensions, to restore amity and peace, to soothe dislikes and soften prejudices, are their peculiar duties; and they know that the peacemakers are blessed.” (Morals & Dogma, p. 241)

Join us to learn these and more lessons from the degrees. See you at the Rite.

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock, 33° I.:G.:H.:  
Ritual Director, Minneapolis Valley

# Scottish Rite Sun



## A NEW YEAR

**B**rethren, thank you so much for the feedback regarding the 100th Anniversary of your Scottish Rite SUN last issue. Ever since I took over as Editor in 2018, it has been my goal to make sure that our newsletter reflects the needs of our membership, whether that is by improving the content or changing the format to meet modern needs.

Starting with the last issue, I will be pulling articles from the previous century of newsletters to republish in our SUN. This issue, I have selected an article titled An Appeal To Scottish Rite Masons from the August 1926 newsletter. It is a fascinating article that delves into the mindset of the brethren of our Valley and how it compares to our culture almost ninety-five years later!

Also, we are resurrecting a column called Library Notes. This column will provide regular communication from our Museum and Library Committee, providing insight into the history of our Valley and the items contained within our amazing library.

2022 will be another wonderful year for our Valley! Let us start this year strong, by taking our creed to heart. To Wit:

**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.**

Mark Evan Prewett, 32° M.:R.:S.:  
Editor for the SUN

*The Minneapolis Chapter  
of the Rose Croix Presents:*

# **The Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal and the Mystic Banquet**



*This is the night we honor those Brothers of the Valley who have passed into  
the Celestial Lodge Above and renew our ties as Scottish Rite Masons.  
It is an open event and all are welcome!*

**Thursday, March 24th**

6:00 pm: Fellowship gathering in Downstairs Lounge

6:45 pm: Ceremony in Auditorium

7:30 pm: Banquet in the Dining Hall



**\$30 Per Person  
Meal Choices:  
Beef Medallions  
or Champagne  
Chicken**

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or with the  
MPLS Scottish  
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# WRITERS WANTED!

Have an article idea?

Send all submissions to [sun@scottish-rite-mpls.org](mailto:sun@scottish-rite-mpls.org)!

Want to join the Scottish Rite communications committee?

Contact WB Stephen Kesler, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.: at

[communications@aasrmn.org](mailto:communications@aasrmn.org)



## AN APPEAL TO SCOTTISH RITE MASONS

Masonry has long been noted for its charity and benevolence, to relieve the distressed and suffering and to try in its modest and unassuming way to spread real sunshine into the lives and homes of those less fortunate.

In almost every instance where the helping hand of Masonry has been felt, sickness has been the underlying cause and one of the chief causes of such poverty and suffering is tuberculosis.

Of the 4,000 Masons who die each year from this preventable disease a large number die from lack of financial aid to make necessary hospitalization possible.

Some 30,000 members of our Fraternity are victims of this dreaded disease, and were they to receive the proper care and hospitalization there is no question but what a large percentage of them would be restored to health, placing them again as the bread winner

of the household.

The “sore spot” of this tuberculosis problem is in our Southwestern dry-climate states, to which large numbers of tuberculars migrate each year in search of health. Sixteen per cent of these ask for assistance within a week after arrival; one-third within a month; one-half within three months; and ninety per cent within a year. Many Masons become objects of public charity. They go from every state—middlewest leads in supplying these migratory tuberculars.

Little wonder, therefore, that our Brethren in the Southwest have seen the need for relief for Masonic tuberculars. Aroused by this need, they have for some five years past pleaded for aid in developing a plan for such relief.

The problem of tuberculosis, its prevention, curative treatment, and the care and cure of its victims, affect every Masonic Grand Jurisdiction. Some of these are big enough, rich enough, to meet local demands, but often those very Jurisdictions send more than their quota of Masonic tuberculars to the southwest. But many Jurisdictions do not, and never can, maintain their own sanatoria. There is no Masonic Tubercular Sanitorium anywhere in our country, open to our fraternity generally.

So overwhelming is the evidence, supported by facts, of the need for action for the relief of our Masonic tuberculars, that the Masonic Service Association of the United States, after four years of investigation, definitely recognized, at its last Annual Meeting, the magnitude and importance of this problem and undertook to aid in working out a solution. And it authorized a call on all Masonic Grand Jurisdictions for funds to work out plans and provide immediate relief where needed.

### **WHAT SHALL WE DO?**

*First*—Make known the facts. Wake up Masons and Masonic organizations to the need for action. Remind them, if need be, of the Northeast Corner and its lesson, familiar to every true Mason. Help in the necessary publicity work to be done.

*Second*—Get in touch with the NATIONAL MASONIC TUBERCULAR SANITORIA ASSOCIATION, recently chartered by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico to serve as a Masonic National Agency to plan for and extend this needed relief. Not a local organization in any sense, but a national one.

*Third*—Do all you can to have your own Grand Lodge participate in this work of this National Association and be represented on its Board of Governors.

Scottish Rite Masonry stands—has always stood, for Relief. The true Mason will respond more quickly to the appeal of a worthy, distressed brother than to any other cause. The need for tubercular relief has been definitely proven; it can only be met by united action. Why should not Scottish Rite Masonry of our country unite to do this particular job? Is not the saving of the lives of our Brethren more urgent Masonic work than the buildings of temples?

-Published August 1926 in the Scottish Rite SUN: Minneapolis Valley.

Author Unknown (likely Ill. Brother David W. Knowlton, 33° I.:G.:H.:, Secretary and Head Editor for the Scottish Rite SUN)



## LIBRARY NOTES



**G**reetings Brethren,

Today we are presented with a cuneiform tablet from our museum collection. There being no provenance for the tablet, let us see what we can speculate on. The tablet was impressed upon with an image of a seated God and Goddess, or King and Queen, sitting on a throne or bench that extends 7 rows on the top and 9 rows on the bottom. The 7 columns could be

Planetary bodies and the 9 columns could be the 9 worlds or Earthly cycles and archetypes.

Or the whole is a star chart, perhaps for the Priesthood and Magi. Perhaps it is a government document or maybe a commerce or international record? Within the impressed columns the reoccurrence of symbols is found, as well as the identification of the God AN. On top of the impression is the point of markings, which are intricate and complex.

Stylistically we can date the tablet reasonably to 2250 BCE when comparing it to the Cylinder Seal in the British Museum depicting the seated God Enki. This time period points to an Akkadian rule. The seated personages could be depicting King Naram-Sin, grandson of Sargon and his wife. This changes the Sumerian God An, to the Akkadian God Anu, Anum, or Ilu.

Take a look and let's see if we can solve the mystery.

Peter Tomlinson, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:  
Librarian & Museum Curator



**KNOW A MASON READY TO JOIN?**

**PETITION FOR DEGREES**



## MESSAGE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

**G**reetings from the Knights of St. Andrew!

January marks the beginning of the Spring Degree cycle and with it all that goes in to making every Thursday night “Rite Night.” That means the Lighting, Sound, Properties and Wardrobe committees will be hard at work making sure the degrees go smoothly. Sometimes, however, additional help is often required when a committee is short-handed or there’s extra work to be done. In such cases, the Knights of St. Andrew (KSA) of the Minneapolis Valley are ready to help. Any committees that need assistance or anyone that requires help with special projects or events should not hesitate to contact the KSA.

The KSA is always looking for new members who want a chance to be more involved with the Rite. Even if you can only volunteer once or twice a year, you are welcome. Anyone interested can email the KSA or visit us at an upcoming meeting.

As a reminder, if you want to request assistance of the KSA for any upcoming events or just want to learn more about how to volunteer at your Scottish Rite through the KSA, simply send an email to [ksa@scottish-rite-mpls.org](mailto:ksa@scottish-rite-mpls.org).

Fraternally,

Paul Hodnefield, 32° M.:R.:S.:  
Senior Warden  
Knights of St. Andrew, Minneapolis Valley



## SPECIAL BROTHERHOOD

**I**n Deo Fiducia Nostra!

Joining a Scottish Rite valley is much more than just attaining the 32nd degree and Becoming a Master of the Royal Secret. When you join, you become a part of a special Brotherhood within the Masonic Fraternity.

After receiving the degrees, one of the best things I did was to continue being at the Rite every Thursday I could be there. At first it was just because I wanted to see the degrees again, and I was a dedicated sidliner. This allowed me to meet Brothers of Lodges from all around the Twin Cities and the State. The social aspect of the Rite has become one of my favorite parts of my Thursday nights. After a time, I was asked to take part in some degrees and this introduced me to another layer of the social aspects of the Rite.

Each degree team is like a special club, and you really get to have fun and get to know the Brothers during the rehearsals and the degree performances. From conversations in wardrobe, to dinner on rehearsal nights, being a part of a degree team builds camaraderie amongst Brothers and is a lot of fun. I see the same thing amongst the Brothers on all the different Committees at the Rite. The Brothers of the Lighting crew, the Sound crew,

Properties, Dining, Education, Tyler, all have a great time together. These Brothers get to know each other and enjoy being together on Thursdays at the Rite. It is seeing old friends and meeting new friends as more Brothers join the Committee.

I encourage you to come down on Thursdays at the Minneapolis Valley and meet new Brothers. Watch the degrees from the sidelines or join a committee. Sit in the lounge between degrees and enjoy the social aspects of meeting new Brothers and having great conversations. This is one of the fun aspects of the Rite and makes it seem like a second Masonic home for me. I look forward to seeing you at the Rite!

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock, 33° I.:G.:H.:  
Master of Kadosh  
Minneapolis Valley Consistory



**Minneapolis Valley is forming a highland bagpipe band, join in on the fun, and be a part of the very first bagpipe band in the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction!**

***Calling all Scottish Rite Brothers!***



- All Brothers Welcome
- Free Lessons
- Weekly Band Practice
- Bagpipe Players
- Drummers
- No Experience Necessary
- Fun, fun, fun...

For more information contact Brother Russ Lane, [barraadventures@yahoo.com](mailto:barraadventures@yahoo.com) or call or text at 612-578-4809



## ACROSS THE RIVER

Anyone that has held a position in ritual is familiar with courtesy work. Even outside of blue lodge, there are plenty of opportunities to help fellow Masons—even Scottish Rite Masons—with their work!

I had the opportunity to travel across the river to the Saint Paul Valley and assist with their 18th Degree. Wise Master Joe Amos, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:., Jerry Johnson, 33° G.:C.:., and all the brothers of Saint Paul were gracious hosts. While there is a certain level of uniformity across all Valleys regarding to the content of the work, it was fascinating to see how Saint Paul fits this degree to their building, utilizing their own unique props and amazing backdrops to tell the story of a Knight of the East and West who desires to become a Knight Rose Croix.

Saint Paul Valley performs degrees on the first Wednesday of every month and goes dark for the summer. Wise Master Joe Amos, whom is also the Ritual Director for the Saint Paul Valley, has asked me to extend the invitation to all Minneapolis Valley Brothers who may want to take part in degree work in Saint Paul.

Brethren, this is a fantastic opportunity to take part in degrees that may otherwise not have an opening, while also getting a chance to meet and know our Saint Paul brothers. If you are interested in courtesy degree work, please contact Joe Amos at [joe\\_amos1974@hotmail.com](mailto:joe_amos1974@hotmail.com).

Sincerely,

Mark Evan Prewett, 32° M.:R.:S.:  
Editor for the SUN



“O Thou unknown, Almighty Cause  
Of all my hope and fear!  
In whose dread presence, ere an hour,  
Perhaps I must appear!

If I have wander'd in those paths  
Of life I ought to shun,  
As something, loudly, in my breast,  
Remonstrates I have done;

Thou know'st that Thou has formed me  
With passions wild and strong;  
And list'ning to their witching voice  
Has often led me wrong.

Where human weakness has come short,  
Or frailty step aside,  
Do Though, All-Good -for such Thou art-  
In shades of darkness hide.

Where with intention I have err'd,  
No other plea I have,  
But, Thou art good; and Goodness still  
Delighteth to forgive.”

Jeffrey W. Anderson - November 24, 2021

William F. Ellis - December 31, 2021

Richard L. Lewin - December 9, 2021

Vernon L. Moore - December 15, 2021

Robert B. Miller - October 14, 2021

Reed P. Noble - November 17, 2021

Dean G. Yorkston - October 26, 2021

John B. Winter - November 14, 2021

