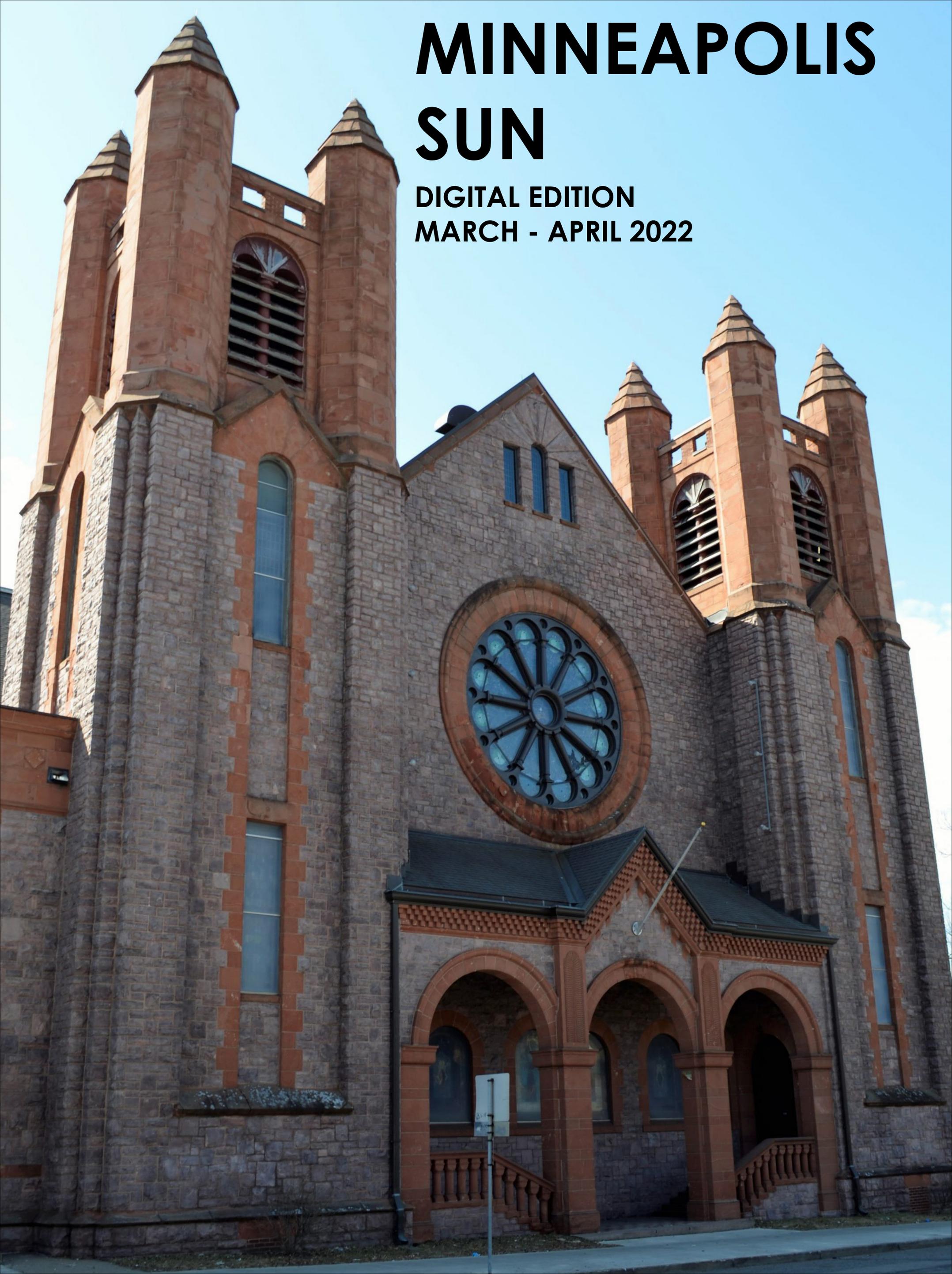


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THURSDAY

28

SPRING REUNION

SATURDAY

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SPRING REUNION

MAY

THURSDAY

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SCOTTIE AWARDS

*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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2022

COMING TO VISIT?

DON'T FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD!



RITUAL CORNER

Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren,

The Spring Class is continuing with some excellent degree work and lessons being presented to our new Scottish Rite Brothers. We are now moving through the Chapter Rose Croix degrees.

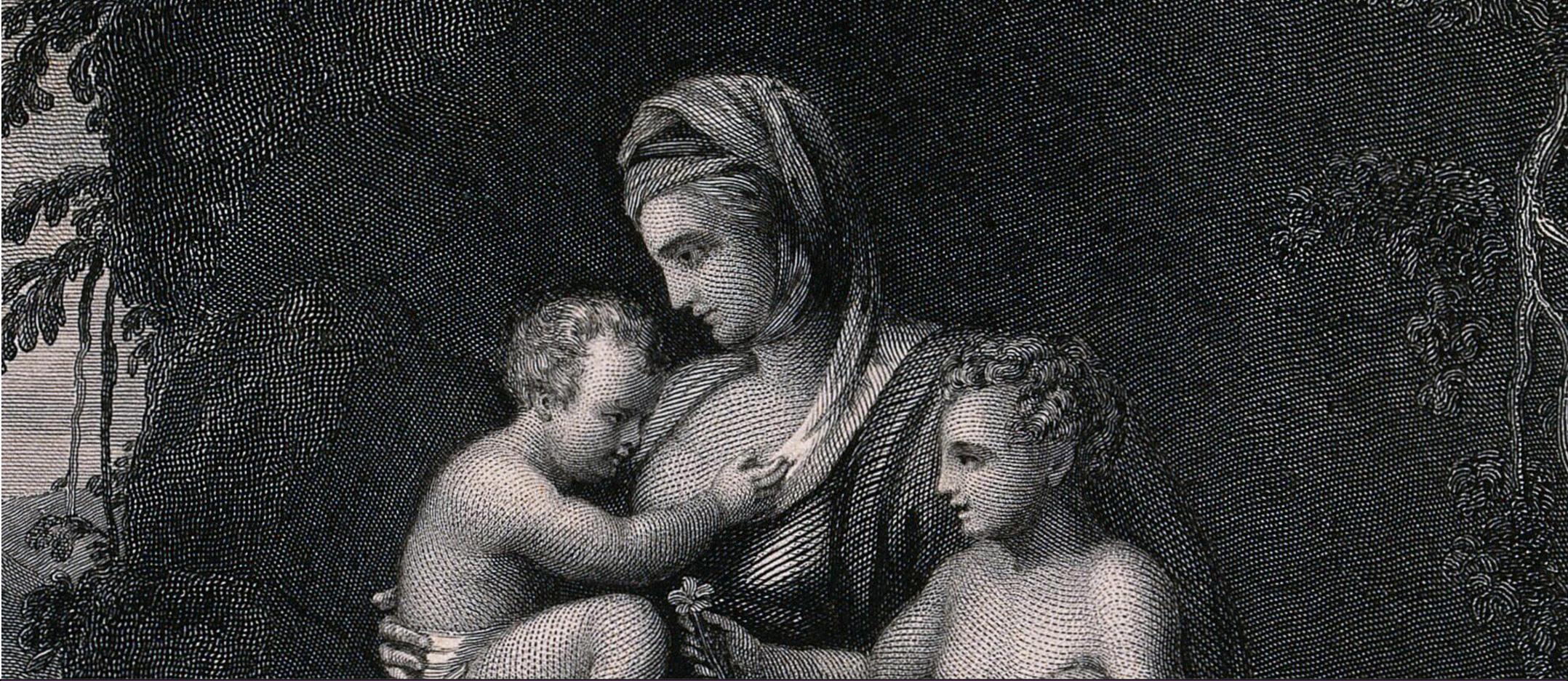
As we continue through the degrees, let us look back to a Lodge of Perfection degree, the 8th degree, Intendent of the Building. This degree teaches benevolence and charity, and that labor is honorable and that we should respect the working man. We also learn that the Master Hiram took great delight in teaching his apprentices. Sharing our knowledge with others helps humanity progress in the future. Albert Pike states, “There will always be in this world, wrongs to forgive, suffering to alleviate, sorrow asking for sympathy, necessities and destitution to relieve, and ample occasion for the exercise of active charity and beneficence” (Morals and Dogma, pg. 147). Let us look for opportunities to practice these lessons each day. Our Fraternity and communities will benefit greatly if we do.

Please join us for the degrees of the Spring class. Learn the lessons of the degrees. Join one of the committees to help out on one or more degrees. You will meet some great Brothers and be able to be like Master Hiram and share the knowledge of the degrees with our new Scottish Rite Brethren. See you at the Rite!

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock, 33° I.:G.:H.:

Ritual Director



CHARITY AND GENEROSITY

Greetings Brethren,

Like many of you, I have watched in horror in the events occurring in Ukraine. In watching this war unfold, many of us are unsure of what we should do as Freemasons.

In the 29th degree, The Grand Scottish Knight of Saint Andrew. Albert Pike charges freemasons with exalting the nobler of two natures:

Freemasonry is continual effort to exalt the nobler nature over the ignoble, the spiritual over the material, the divine in man over the human. In this great effort and purpose the chivalric Degrees concur and cooperate with those that teach the magnificent lessons of morality and philosophy.

ALBERT PIKE, *Morals & Dogma: Annotated Edition*, 29° Grand Scottish Knight of St. Andrew 921-22 (2016).

“Charity and Generosity,” writes Pike, “are even more essential qualities of a true and gentle Knight, and have been so in all ages” *Id.* at 911. Thus are our duties as Masons, to be generous and charitable to those in need.

Brethren, we must do our part where we can. It is not our duty as Masons to choose a side, but to recognize that there are brothers, widows, and orphans in need (as of this writing, our Grand Lodge still recognizes both Grand Lodges of Ukraine and Russia). Be wary of scams—for there are many that will seek to profit from misery—but consider

what is within your means to help.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Consult with your Grand Secretary on supporting the Grand Lodge of Ukraine
- Contribute to a [reputable organization](#)
- Contact your Senator or Congressman on how Minnesotans can send humanitarian aid

Remember brothers, “Time changes, and circumstances, but Virtue and Duty remain the same:”

When a fearful epidemic ravages a city, and death is inhaled with the air men breathe; when the living scarcely suffice to bury the dead—most men flee in abject terror, to return and live, respectable and influential, when the danger has passed away. But the old Knightly spirit of devotion and disinterestedness and contempt of death still lives, and is not extinct in the human heart. Everywhere a few are found to stand firmly and unflinchingly at their posts, to front and defy the danger, not for money, or to be honored for it, or to protect their own household; but from mere humanity, and to obey the unerring dictates of duty

To the performance of duties and of acts of heroism like these, you have devoted yourself, my Brother . . . !

ALBERT PIKE, *Morals & Dogma: Annotated Edition*, 27° Knight Commander of the Temple 686-687 (2016).

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

Minneapolis Scottish Rite Valley

Our Spring Reunion affords another opportunity of renewing and deepening longtime friendships and bringing you into fellowship with brethren from around the state. We extend a courteous and fraternal invitation to all brethren of the Rite in good standing to be present on April 28th & 30th.

TO OUR VISITORS:

We extend to you all a Mason's welcome to meet with us at this Reunion and enjoy the fellowship of the Scottish Rite.

TO THE CANDIDATES:

You are about to begin your pilgrimage through the Scottish Rite Degrees, and it may become to you one of the greatest and most inspiring experiences of your life. If you bring a receptive mind and a sensitive heart to these Degrees, you will indeed be a wiser and better man. It is the hope and prayer of the Scottish Rite brethren that your experience may be rich and significant.

TO OUR MEMBERS:

Your attendance at this Reunion is fraternally urged. Your officers and degree teams will be inspired by your presence, and you will benefit by the lessons taught by the Scottish Rite Degrees. May we all, on this occasion, reconsecrate ourselves to lives in which shall be fully exemplified the great lessons taught in the Scottish Rite.

REUNION SCHEDULE

Thursday April 28th

- 4th Degree

- 14th Degree

Saturday April 30th

- Morning: 18th & 30th Degree

- Afternoon: 32nd Degree

All Master Masons are eligible

Petitions and Fees are Due to the Scottish Rite Office by April 1st

Call / email the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Valley Office with questions

612.871.1500

jackie@asrmn.org

Reservations are required

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WRITERS WANTED!

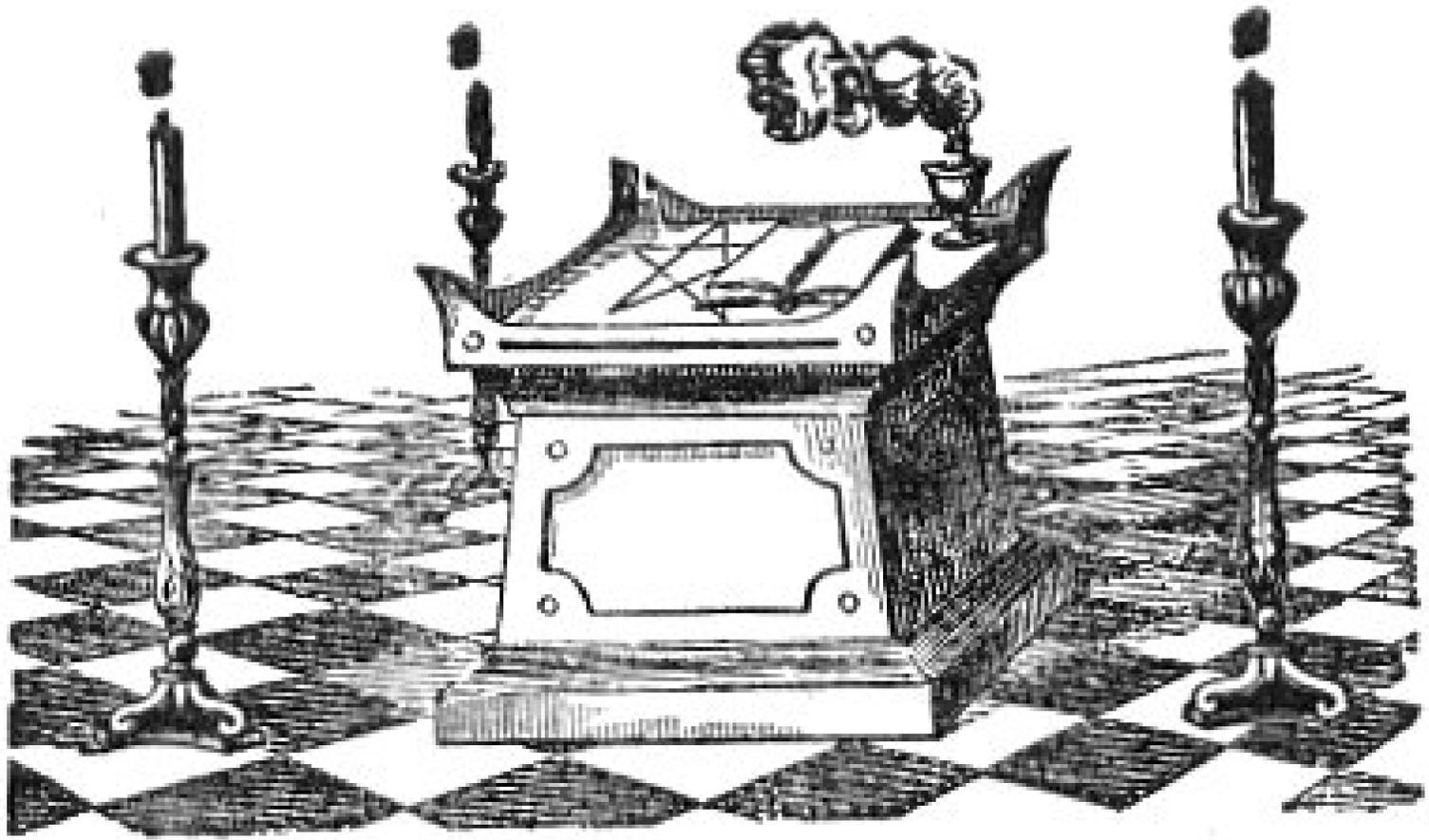
Have an article idea?

Send all submissions to 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



IDEALS OF THE SCOTTISH RITE

The Scottish Rite Freemasonry, adopting the principles of the Ancient Craft as a basis, seeks to widen the horizon of human thought and bring it to a higher plane of excellence. It does not interfere with the religious or political opinions of any one, leaving the determination of these qualities to the individual conscience, but by the most perfect system of philosophy seeks to uncover and impress upon its votaries the nearest approach to a complete comprehension of the Grand Architect of the Universe and demonstrate the most desirable relations to be maintained between men.

Truth, Light and Liberty are among its watchwords, and by cultivation of the most perfect fraternity, it promotes the most desirable relations between its members. Step by step it leads the neophyte through the ancient mysteries from the earliest forms of human thought, revealing their purpose and somewhat of their successes and failures through the peculiar experiences of the chivalric ages down to the practical philosophies of modern days, when light and reason rule, and all which can be known or comprehended of the

Great First Cause of all that is, and the relations of the human soul to that Cause, are demonstrated in the mastery of the Royal Secret. Every Brother of the mystic tie realizes at once the perfect solidity of the Ancient Craft Degrees, as a basis upon which to erect a more cosmopolitan system of philosophy, and the Masonic student who receives the degrees, from the fourth to the thirty-second, and examines carefully into their merits, is satisfied that the Rite has done more for him than was promised.

Learn and feast with us in solemn thought, and drink with us from the fountain of wisdom to the end that you may go forth better equipped to meet the grave and important duties of life.—Square and Compass.

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



LIBRARY NOTES

Greetings Brethren,

Today we have a selection from our Anti-Masonic collection. This is a collection of papers published in Spain in 1752.

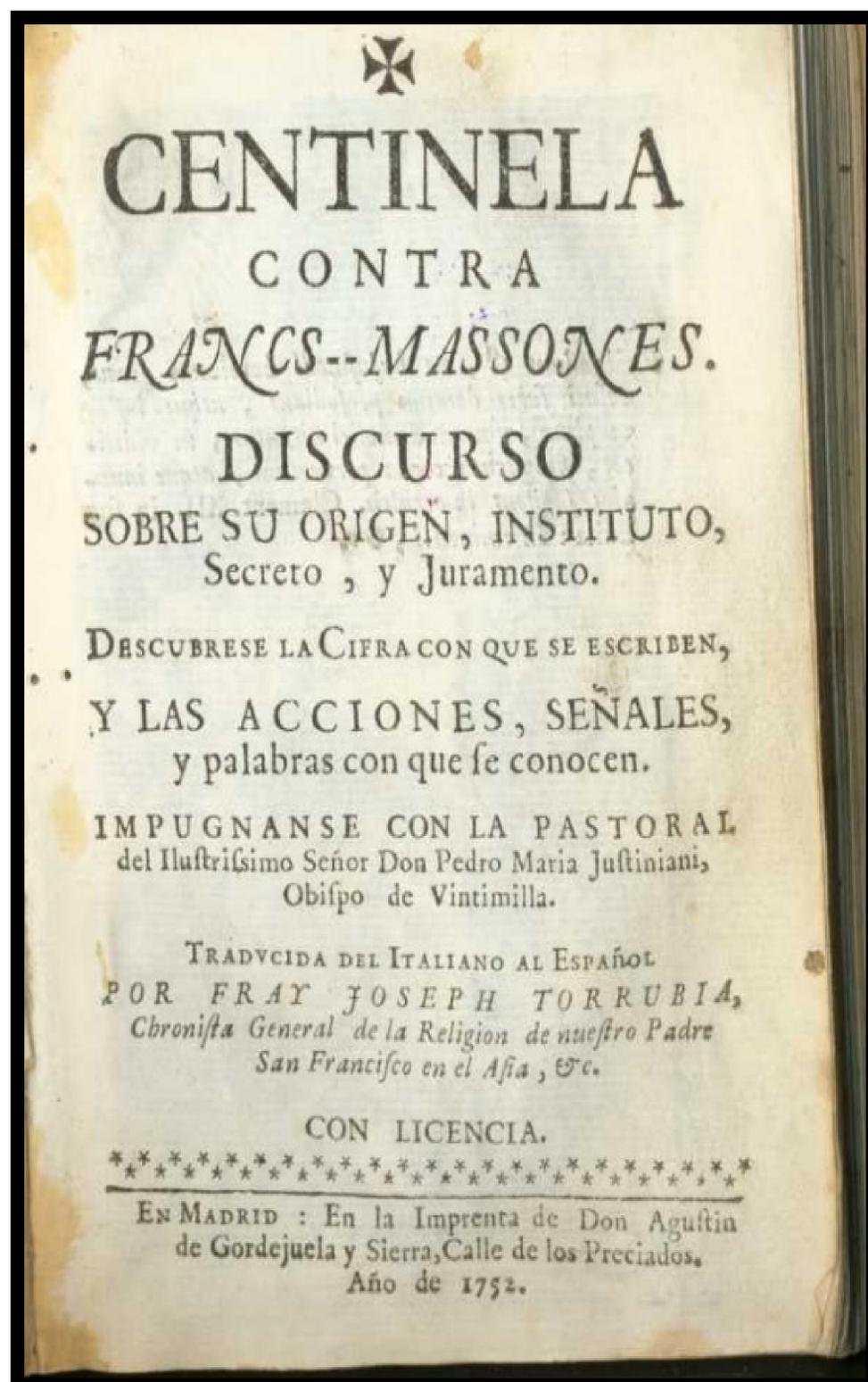
As Freemasonry grew in Spain, it aroused the suspicions and hostility of both the Church and the secular authorities. On 28 April 1738, Pope Clement issued *In eminenti apostolatus*, condemning Freemasonry and forbidding Catholics from joining. In Spain, the encyclical received the royal exequatur and the Inquisitor-general published an edict dated 11 October 1738, claiming exclusive

jurisdiction on the matter and called for denunciations within six days under pain of excommunication and a fine of 200 ducats.

In 1752, a year after the promulgation of the Royal Decree which outlawed Freemasonry, Franciscan Father José Torrubia published *A Guard against Freemasons (Centinela contra francmasones)*, a collection of anti-Masonic foreign texts. Freemasonry was anathema to Spanish Catholicism, and became associated with terms such as “heresy”, “Jewish”, “atheist”, “Jansenist” and “Manichaeon”. The frequent use of these words to refer to the Masons explains why it was not until 1843 that the term Freemasonry appeared in the Dictionary of the Royal Spanish Academy as “secret association, in which several symbols taken from the masonry, such as squares, levels, etc are used.

[Wikipedia, *Freemasonry in Spain, Condemnation and persecution*](#)

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



CENTINELA
CONTRA

Vigilandum est, ne hujusmodi hominum genus,
veluti fures domum perfodiant, atque instar
vulpium, vineam demoliri nitantur; ne videli-
cèt, simplicium corda pervertant, atque inno-
xios sagitent in occultis. Clement. XII. in sua
Bulla: In eminenti, &c.



Nisi Dñs ædificaverit in vanum laboraverunt
qui ædificant. Is. Pal.

TRADUCCION DE Mr. GOBIN
en Francès.

Ne point présumer de soi-même,
S' appuyer sur l' être suprême,
Ne former que d' utiles vocux,
Se contenter du nécessaire;
Ne se mêler que d' une affaire,
C' est le sûr moyen d' être heureux.
Les grands emplois sont dangereux.
Ne point révéler de mystère;
Tout entendre, mais peu parler;
Sentir son avantage, & ne point accabler
Celui sur qui nous avons la victoire;
Savoir céder aux grands, supporter ses égaur,
Mépriser l' orgueilleur, fut-il couvert de gloire;
Ne s' étonner de rien, soutenir tous les maux,
Quoique l' adversité nous blesse,
Sans nous troubler & sans ennui;
Bannir tout genre de paresse;
Et pour le dire enfin, la plus haute sagesse
Est en vivant pour Dieu, de mourir avec lui.

En Castellano puede traducirse assi.

DECIMAS.

Pon solo en Dios la esperanzas
Jamás se noten en ti
Deseos del frenesi:
Regulate, tén templanza.

Hu-

Huye la altura, y privanza;
Oye à todos, que es bien hechos;
Tu guarda un silencio estrecho,
Que assi llevarás la palma,
Si los mysterios del Alma
Jamás te salen del pecho.
Con el menor se clemente,
Con el superior rendido,
Con el que es igual sufrido,
Y en todo muy diligente.
En amenazar detente,
Pero desprecia à los vanos:
Sufrer los males humanos,
Y por Dios vive de suerte,
Que quando llegue tu muerte,
Pongas el alma en sus manos.

21 Esta norma de costumbres assi
se la han adjudicado los Franc-Mas-
sones, que la tienen por regla pro-
pria. No hay Franc-Masson, que no
se tenga por copia de este original.
Dicen con detestable animosidad,
que qualquiera de ellos puede pre-
varicar, porque es hombre; pero que
por ser Franc-Masson tiene mayor va-
lor, y aliento para arrepentirse. Esto
lo atribuyen, y tienen por emolu-
men-



SCOTTIE AWARDS

2022

Brothers! You are cordially invited by the Minneapolis Consistory to the 2022 Consistory Feast celebrating this year's newest Brothers and honoring the workers of the Valley.

This Oscar-style dinner and awards show promises to be a great night for Brothers, their friends and families!

Who will win Best Actor? Best Degree Director? Which performance will be named Best Degree? Do you have the Rite Stuff?



Thursday, May 12, 2022

5:30 PM Social Hour
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Awards Ceremony

Prime rib or baked cod topped with crab. Salad, veggie, potato & dessert.
Cost: \$35 a person

**RSVP with dinner choice at: <https://bit.ly/scottie-awards>
or contact: jackie@asrmn.org 612-871-1500**



VISITING CHICAGO VALLEY

Last year at the end of December, two members of our education committee, Charles Beekman and I, had the distinct pleasure of representing Minneapolis Valley at an education symposium at the Chicago Valley in Illinois. This one-day conference gathered numerous presenters to delve into topics of Masonic interest. Not only did we hear many interesting presentations but we got to do it while enjoying the company and fellowship of brothers from around the nation.

During our brief visit we met many brothers from Chicago Valley and were able to tour their magnificent facility, which they had purchased using the proceeds of the sale of their previous site, a full city block in downtown Chicago. Needless to say, their new building was very nice. During the tour we saw their extensive library, state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems, and a wardrobe room that uses ozone chambers to extend the life of their priceless collection. I often found myself thinking how I wish we had something like that here in Minneapolis. However, during this grand tour there was one thing we were unable to see, their education room, because it did not exist. There is no candidate education program in their valley. Since it was an education based symposium, we discussed at length with our new friends about the Minneapolis model of education that we use. The brothers from Chicago Valley expressed consid-

KNOW A MASON READY TO JOIN?

PETITION FOR DEGREES

erable interest in our program.

On February 17 we presented our fifteenth and sixteenth degrees and had the pleasure of visiting brothers from the Chicago Valley. They were greeted well and given a grand tour of our own magnificent facility. Some even stayed or sit-in with the class and saw our education program in action. After the class, I was able to talk with some of the observers, who were thoroughly impressed by our presentation and hoped they could adopt something similar at their own Valley. That is when it occurred to me, from our brotherhood to our degree presentations to our education program, we really have something special here at the Minneapolis Valley.

M. Justin Thompson, 32° M.:R.:S.:

Education Committee



FROM THE WARDROBE

It comes as no surprise that there are many items in Wardrobe and Make-up.

Some things are small like gloves or pins while others are very large like dentist chairs and cabinets. And don't get me started on the hundreds of costumes we have in our custody. But the question does come up as to what we do with all of these items.

The answer is rather complicated. We endeavor to take the best care possible of our items.

Many of these have historic or sentimental value that we want to maintain and keep for our members to enjoy for years to come.

Other items are used often and we try to maintain them as well as we can.

This helps present amazing degrees for our candidates and brothers.

But sometimes we have items that we can't save anymore. They have worn out, or changes have come that there is no room. Those items must be dealt with as delicately as we can. Most of these items are repurposed, and some are sold or donated.

When items are sold or donated it is not handled lightly. One can't just see something that they think is excess, claim it and remove it from the building. All property of the Scottish Rite cannot leave, be sold or donated without careful consideration and approval.

It requires permission from the appropriate committee head and the Personal Rep. A study as to its worth must be completed, and a receipt must be registered with the Valley Secretary and the Building and Museum Fund.

The Minneapolis Valley is an exciting place with an amazing past, a stellar present and a bright future.

While at times some items will go, we will move ahead while honoring our past. I look forward to it.

See you upstairs !!

Brother Juniper
Wardrobe and Make-Up Chair



Vital spark of heav'nly flame!
Quit, O quit this mortal frame:
Trembling, hoping, ling'ring, flying,
O the pain, the bliss of dying!
Cease, fond Nature, cease thy strife,
And let me languish into life.

Hark! they whisper; angels say,
Sister Spirit, come away!
What is this absorbs me quite?
Steals my senses, shuts my sight,
Drowns my spirits, draws my breath?
Tell me, my soul, can this be death?

The world recedes; it disappears!
Heav'n opens on my eyes! my ears
With sounds seraphic ring!
Lend, lend your wings! I mount! I fly!
O Grave! where is thy victory?
O Death! where is thy sting?

Donald L. Voss - January 3, 2022
Arthur Lavintman - February 24, 2022
Joseph D. Quinn - February 24, 2022

