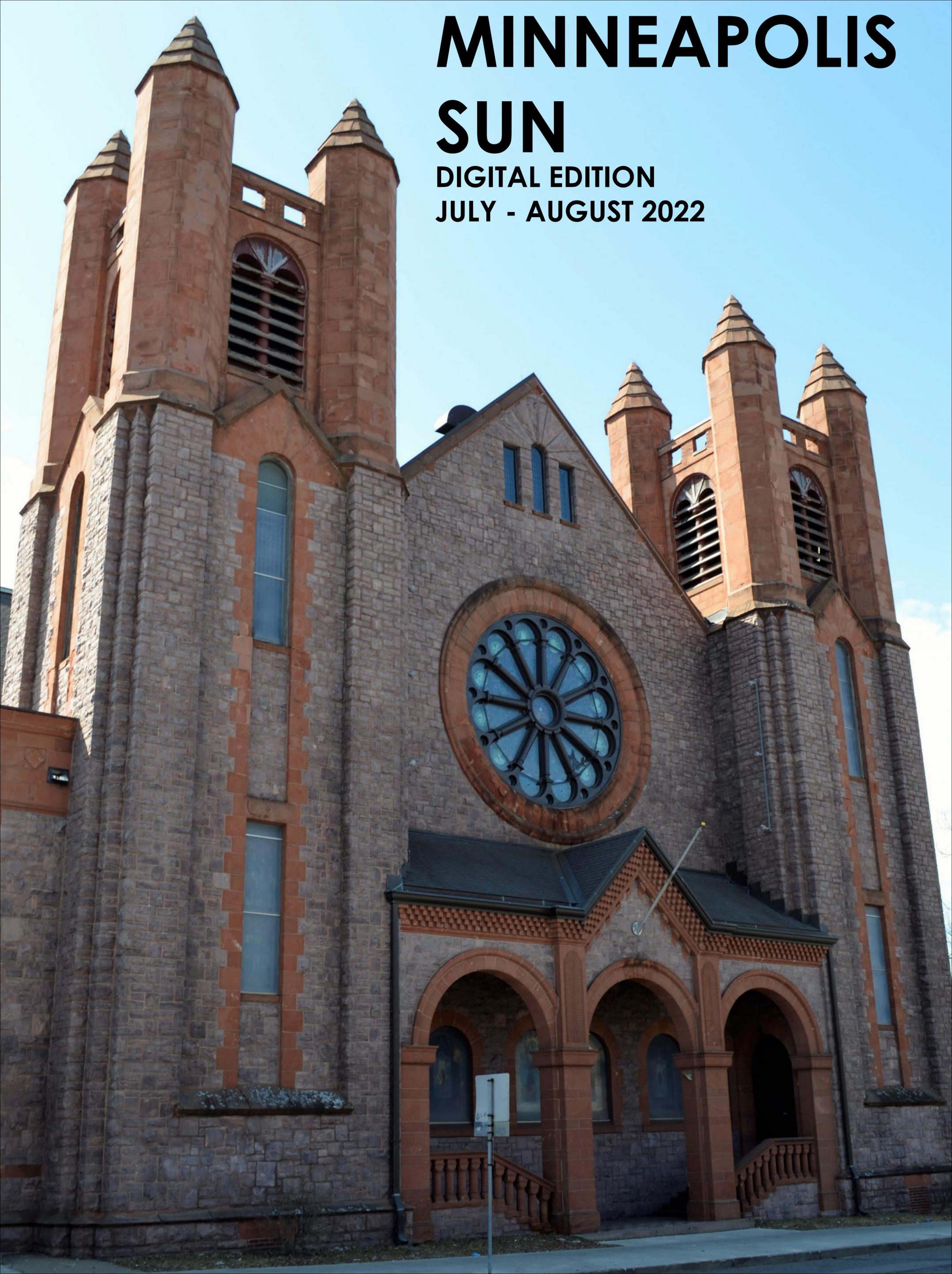


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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

THURSDAY

18

MEMBERSHIP RUSH EVENT

THURSDAY

25

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
TO THE VALLEY (FALL CLASS)

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

**Degrees resume Thursday September 1, 2022

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

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FULL CALENDAR](#)



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Albert Pike

VALLEY OF MINNEAPOLIS
ORIENT OF MINNESOTA

VALUED MEMBER SINCE 1873

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2022

COMING TO VISIT?

DON'T FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD!

Statement of Principles

Issued by: Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; Shriners International

The Southern Jurisdiction and Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, along with Shriners International, were founded as appendant bodies of symbolic Masonic Lodges. These Lodges are chartered and governed by their applicable Grand Lodge. Each of our members are and must remain, members in good standing in a Lodge existing within a recognized Grand Lodge. Our organizations believe that Masonic principles as identified through Grand Lodges are foundational, not merely optional, principles upon which we build to provide further light.

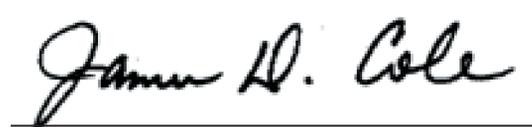
As appendant bodies of the Grand Lodge system, our organizations operate in a manner consistent with the basic principles of Freemasonry. Inherent in these principles is that our members should be seen as good men, continually striving to improve themselves, their character, and their actions, so that we can collectively extend a positive and benevolent influence on the world at large.

We believe the Masonic principles that guide our members' lives have been proven, over centuries, to improve their character and perspectives. As Masons or Masonic organizations, our failure to meet the exceptionally high standards of conduct expected of us is almost always the result of our failure to understand or apply the Masonic principles we have been taught. When we fail to meet the standards of conduct required of Masons, our response is to correct and remedy that failure, not to lower our standards.

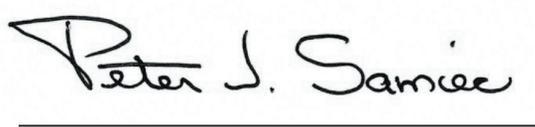
We recognize that all humans are fallible and at times, the actions of a member may fall below the high expectations of our Fraternity. We further recognize that, in those cases, Lodges, Grand Lodges, and our own organizations may, of necessity, be required to investigate, and, within established practices, take appropriate disciplinary actions against individual Brothers. We support these actions, in the longstanding belief that such efforts will result in an improvement both within the individual and within our Fraternity at large.

Our interest in adhering to Masonic principles relates not only to improving our members but also specifically to continuing to enjoy an outstanding reputation for integrity and service within our communities.

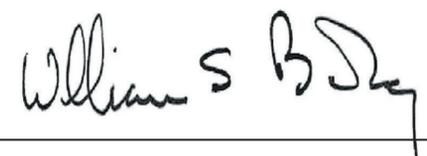
So Stated and Decreed by the Undersigned in April 2022



James D. Cole, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander
Supreme Council, 33°
Ancient Accepted Scottish
Rite, S.J.



Peter J. Samiec, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander
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Rite, N.M.J.



William S. "Bill" Bailey, 33°
Imperial Potentate
Shriners International

MINNEAPOLIS SCOTTISH RITE



MEMBERSHIP RUSH EVENT AUG. 18, 2022

4:30 PM SOCIAL &
CASH BAR
6:00 PM BBQ DINNER
7:00 PM PROGRAM
7:30 PM TOURS &
FELLOWSHIP

ALL MINNEAPOLIS SCOTTISH RITE MEMBERS, MASONS OF ANY DEGREE, AND MEN WITH AN INTEREST IN JOINING MASONRY ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

RSVP BY AUG. 16TH - DINNER \$20

ONLINE: <https://scottish-rite-mpls.org/membership-rush-registration/>

BY PHONE: 612-871-1500

BY EMAIL: jackie@asrmn.org

* SUMMER CASUAL ATTIRE *
(No hats or regalia)

**BBQ BY
JERRY &
PEG OLIVER
& TEAM**



RITUAL CORNER

Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren.

What a great Spring class of Scottish Rite Degrees. We finished the degrees with a flourish of a multi-day Reunion with the 18th, 30th, and 32nd degrees on a wonderful, Saturday in May! It is always a thrill to watch our new Masters of the Royal Secret achieve the 32nd degree.

During June and July, there will be no degrees performed at the Rite. The Fall class begins again the beginning of September, 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 activities at the Rite on some Thursday nights. 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 only 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 though 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, 33° I.:G.:H.:

Ritual Director

Minneapolis Valley



DEMOLAY

MINNESOTA

DEMOLAY

Illustrious Brother Hugo brought the first chapter of DeMolay for boys to Minnesota and to the city of Duluth in December of 1920. Owing to his efforts, the Duluth Consistory of the Scottish Rite secured a charter from the national headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri and agreed to sponsor this chapter. Brother Hugo appointed Duluth Chapter's first Advisory Council headed by "Dad" Frank B. Carey, 32°, K.:C.:C.:H.:. On April 16th, 1921, just two years after the formation of the Mother Chapter in Kansas City, Illustrious Brother Hugo, acting for the Grand Councilor of DeMolay, assisted by the Worshipful Masters of the five Duluth Lodges, instituted the first DeMolay chapter in Minnesota at Duluth. Fifty-one boys took the initiatory degree. After the work had been exemplified by the Advisory Council, the boys organized their chapter and elected their own officers. Brother Hugo served Minnesota DeMolay until his death on February 27th, 1923, as the State Deputy for the Supreme Council. The Duluth Bodies have maintained an unbroken sponsorship of this chapter for the last 80 years and have furnished many illustrious Masons for the Advisory Council to guide the boys' progress. Three of these brethren have gone on to head the state organization as Brother Hugo once did, and one, Dr. Ivan H. Northfield, 33°, became Grand Master of the International Order of DeMolay.

Current DeMolay Chapters in Minnesota are Duluth, Lincoln, Anoka, Robbinsdale, Hiawatha and Owatonna with new start ups to come. Minnesota DeMolay will be conducting their annual Conclave in August at St. Peter.

Mark Hailer, 33° I.:G.:H.:



READING NATURE

A cold, wet spring has finally gone away, and the first days of a hot summer have begun. This is the time of year many of us Minnesotans live for, when our great state becomes a paradise, reminding us why we live here through such brutal winters. Many lodges smartly go dark over the summer, knowing full well not to get between a Minnesotan and their summer, and the Minneapolis Valley does the same. For many of us, myself included, this is the least active time of year for masonry.

Although I take a big step back from masonic activity during these few months my quest for self-improvement continues, as I'm sure it does for many of us. Those that know me, know I try to spend a lot of my free time outdoors; hiking, fishing, camping and just generally exploring the public lands this state is so rich with. These outdoor spaces can provide solitude in a busy world and be a perfect place to do some of the "inner work" we are pointed to in masonry.

In the eighteenth degree, we are taught that by reasoning on the observation of nature we can detect the infinity of deity and better understand the immortality of the human soul, a lofty proposition indeed. In a metaphysical way, this may be possible when observing creatures that are, depending on your belief, more or less aware of their spiritual connection to the divine creator than our own species may be. But in a simpler, and more quantifiable way, we can gain a better understanding of the physical world from beings that have different sensory perceptions than ourselves. For example, sharks and birds can navigate by sensing the magnetic field of the earth, bats and dolphins can use sound to visualize their surroundings in darkness, and seeing ultraviolet color is actually more prevalent than not in the animal kingdom. Observing these creatures can allow us

insight into how they sense the world differently and how they fit into the web of life on this planet.

But this understanding of nature is not limited to those with outdoor pursuits and can be accessible to anyone who is so inclined. We are taught in the second degree of the symbolic lodge, to use geometry to better understand nature and ultimately the mind of the divine architect. We are reminded by this lesson that a better understanding of the natural sciences allows us greater insight into the forces that guide our universe and their complex interconnection. This type of understanding can be gained through books in the comfort of our own home and requires only a willing mind.

This summer, take a break and enjoy some time for yourself. Spend time with your friends and family and, if possible, enjoy some of the outdoor beauty this state is known for. While you are out there, take a moment to observe and reflect on the grandeur of nature and the divine artist who put all these pieces together. The insight you gain may give you a greater understanding of the lessons of the Scottish Rite degrees, which we will return to in just a few short months.

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

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

Feast of Tishri



SAVE THE DATE

The Officers of the Minneapolis Lodge of Perfection request the pleasure of your company for dining, toasts, and a celebration of the annual Feast of Tishri. As always, the celebration is open to all.

When: Saturday, September 24, 2022

Social Gathering: 5:30 pm with a cash bar

Dinner: 6:15pm

Program following dinner



Details for reservations and meal selection will be forthcoming.



SCOTTIE AWARDS

In Deo Fiducia Nostra!

On Thursday, May 12th, the Minneapolis Consistory hosted the Consistory Feast and 18th Annual Scottie Awards ceremony. The Consistory Feast is held to honor the workers of the Valley, and the Scottie Awards are a fun way to recognize the Brothers who make our degrees possible.

The evening began with a social hour, followed by a fantastic dinner provided by S.:G.:I.:G.: Emeritus Jerry Oliver and his crew. During the dinner, the Heads of Bodies and other Dignitaries were introduced. A special surprise award was presented to Illustrious Brother Brent Reichow for starting the monthly Celebrating the Craft online meeting. After the dinner, the fun really began.

The Scottie awards is always a very fun event. The auditorium was set with the awards onstage and the winners names in the mason jars. Lighting and Sound were ready to go, and the Job's Daughters of Bethel 48 were ready to accompany the winners from their seats to the stage and back. The photographer was in place and the awards began. The Scottie Awards not only honor the actors and directors of the degrees, but everyone who works behind the scenes to make the degrees come together on Thursday nights. There were awards for KSA of the Year, Best Actor, Supporting Actors, Best Director, and the Rite Stuff. Highlights of the ceremony were the Degree of the Year awarded to the 8th Degree, and the Lifetime Achievement Award for Illustrious Brother Ken Hill.

The evening finished with some inspiring words from our SGIG Tony Krall, and a

farewell from the emcee. I encourage all Brothers and their families to attend the 2023 Scottie Awards to enjoy a fantastic evening of fun and fellowship!

Fraternally,

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

PETROGRAPHY AND PETROLOGY

A Textbook

MILE POSTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE VALLEY OF MINNEAPOLIS

The work of Doctor Alfred Elisha Ames in 1873, instituting the Lodge and Chapter of Scottish Rite in Minneapolis, was briefly outlined in the Scottish Rite Sun for July, 1922. It is this achievement that we plan to celebrate in June.

Unfortunately, soon after this work was done, Doctor Ames died; and with the loss of their inspiring leader, the two bodies became almost dormant. It was seven years later when, as a first mile post in our history, Doctor Albert Enos Higbee aroused the lagging interest of the brethren, and not only revived the older bodies, but finally arranged to have Deputy Giles W. Merrill institute the Preceptory and Consistory. Since then they have never faltered.

The membership of the Valley was 37 in 1873 and rose to 2,014 in 1918; since then there has been an almost phenomenal increase to 4,721 at the close of the lodge year, March 6, 1923. In the course of this fairly satisfactory growth, certain events stand out with all

the importance of mile posts on a journey. A few will deserve further elaboration, after the journey as a whole is outlined.

Mile Posts

1873—Lodge and Chapter instituted.

1880—Preceptory and Consistory instituted.

1886—“Uncle Sam” Adams of Minneapolis became Inspector General of Minnesota.

1889—Duluth bodies of Scottish Rite branched off mostly from the Valley of Minneapolis.

1890—Moved into new quarters in the Masonic Temple.

1891—Grand Lodge of Minnesota took action against our rival “Cernau” Scottish Rite.

1894—Great revival in all the Valley, of efforts to do good ritual work.

1900—Masonic “Fair” to raise money for purchase of Masonic Temple stock and make sure of Masonic control of that stock.

1914—Joined with other Minneapolis Masonic organizations in forming the Board of Relief.

1915—Purchased the present Cathedral and moved in.

1916—Consolidated the business affairs of the Rite in the Lodge of Perfection.

1920—Dedication of the remodeled and enlarged Cathedral by Grand Commander Moore and an illustrious company.

The recent revival of interest in Masonry everywhere found us well equipped to take full advantage and render full service, chiefly because of the recent acquirement of good quarters and the adoption of efficient business methods. Important Masonic activities have been undertaken in such numbers that listing them as mile posts would seem to make us exceed the speed limits of well governed Valleys. No doubt some will appear to the eyes of the future historian as insignificant details, but to us at close range, they seem worthy of recognition as major events, and the Heads of the Bodies are to be congratulated on the accomplishments.

We have acquired space for the expansion of our present quarters. We have stood sponsor for and assisted in the organizing of the Minneapolis Chapter of the Order of De Molay. We have an active Choir. We have fostered local clubs of the members of the Rite in the cities and towns of Minnesota, and made many “pilgrimages” to visit them. We have acquired a strong and working Masonic Library. We have arranged the organization of a Scottish Rite Woman’s Club. We have developed degree teams so that all the degrees are conferred in full form. And we follow the lead of the Supreme Council in giving

special attention to matters of education.

Above all, the policies and practices of the Valley have been such as to make our Cathedral the center of a Fraternal activity and spirit that is beyond price and worthy of our best efforts. The brethren do come out to meet each other and take part in “that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree.” Long may the good work continue!

Frank F. Grout, Historian
Professor of Petrography, University of Minnesota

(Originally published in the April 1923 edition of the Minneapolis SUN).

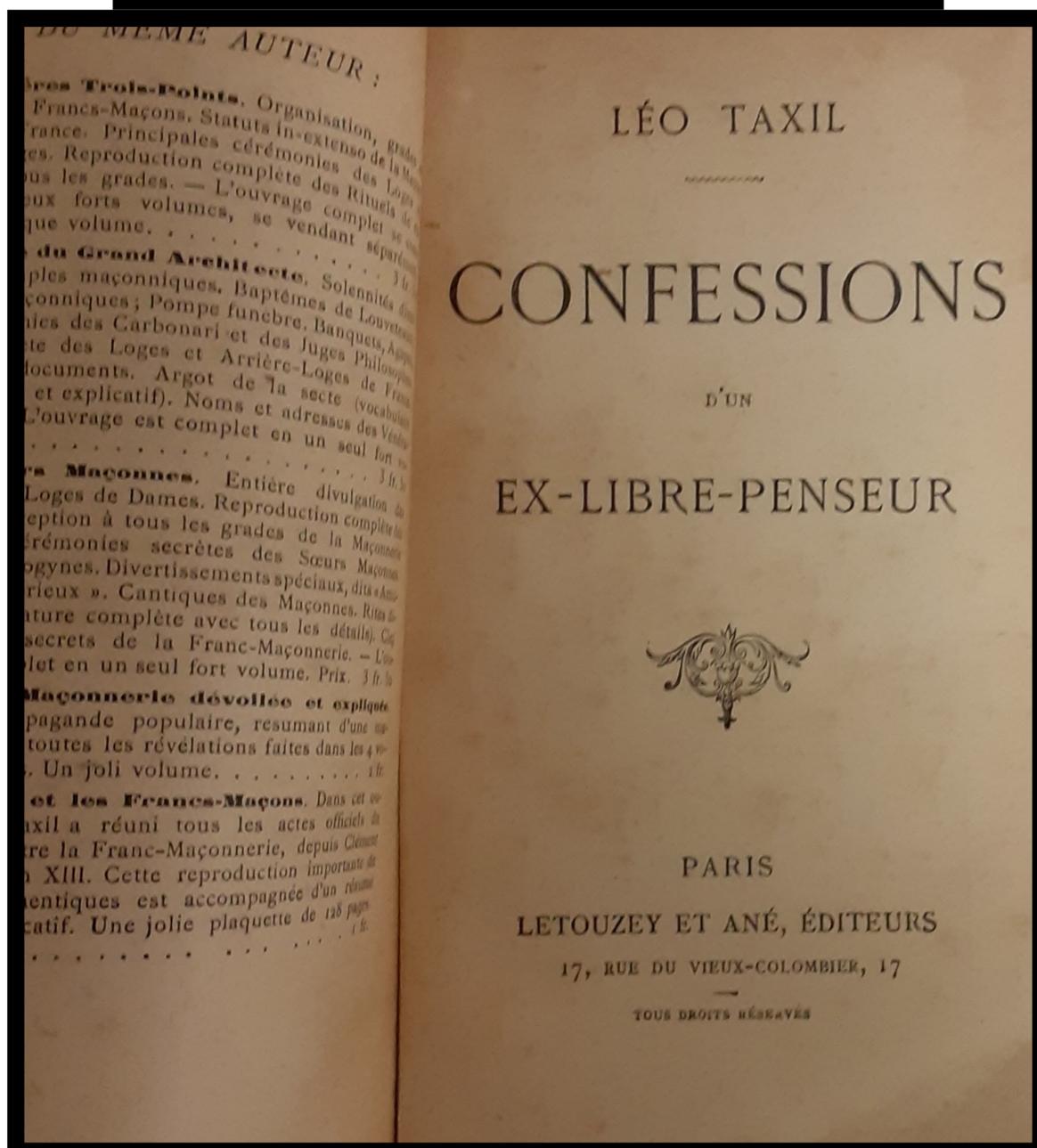
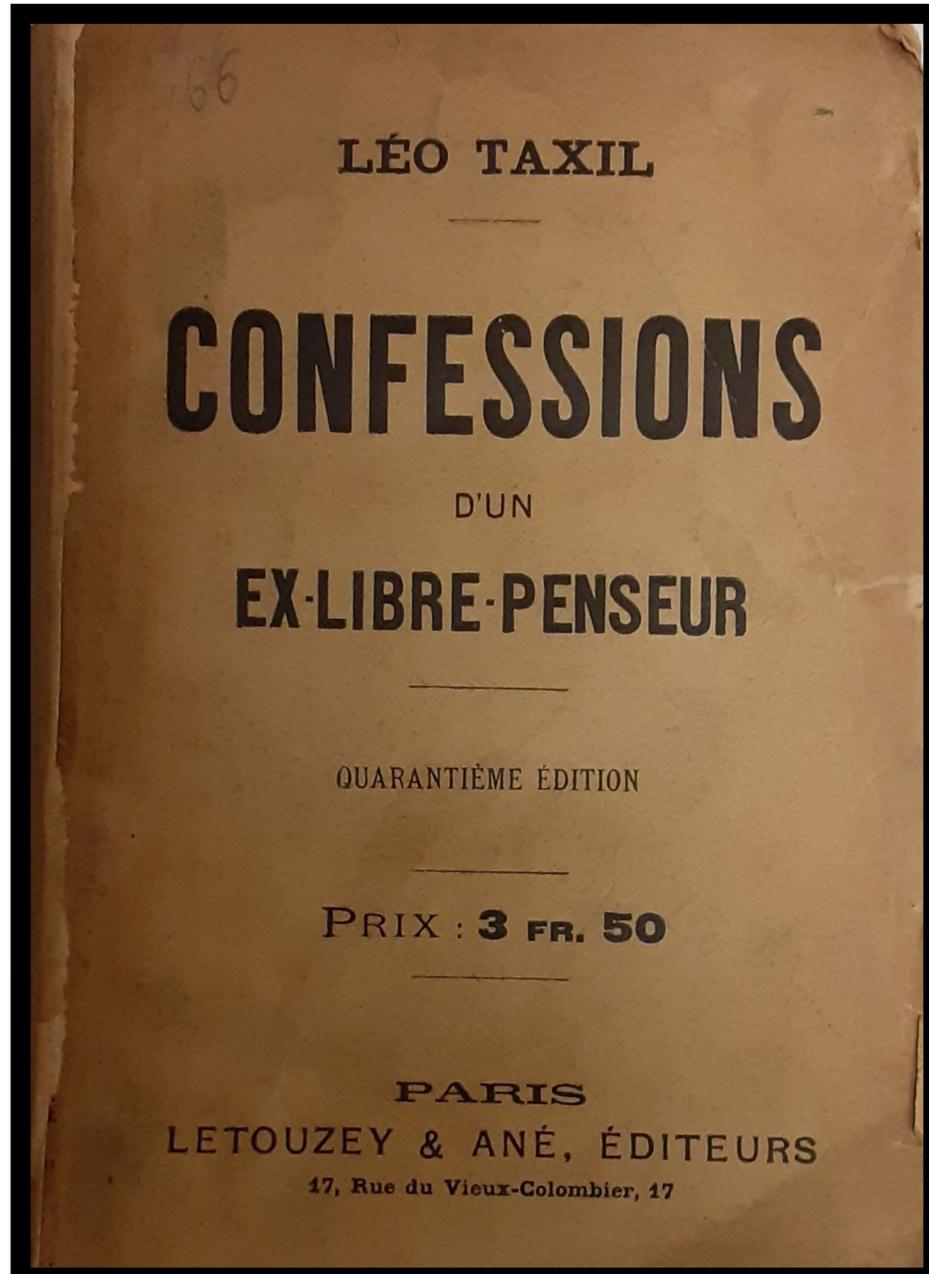


LIBRARY NOTES

Greetings Brethren!

Are you familiar with the [Taxil Hoax](#)? Marie Joseph Gabriel Antoin Jogand-Pagès, better known by his pen name Léo Taxil, was a French man in the late 1800s that famously published *Le Diable au XIXe Siècle* (The Devil in the 19th Century), which claimed that a secret satanic cult known as the “Palladists” resided within Freemasonry. This notion took wide popularity throughout the world and even after Léo announced that it was all a hoax, and has his confession printed in its entirety, many people still believe to this day that his original claims have merit.

Our museum houses an antimasonic collection including some of the works of Leo Taxil. Below you will find pictures of the cover and first page of the aforementioned Confessions.



The Metro West Masonic Association
is proud to present award-winning writer and director

Bro. **JOHNNY ROYAL**

11.30.2022

Presenting:
"Silentium Aureum Est"
Silence is Golden

Q&A to Follow

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KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

Greetings from the Knights of St. Andrew!

One of the challenges for the Knights of St. Andrew has been scheduling of the stated meetings. To enable the largest number of members to attend, KSA stated meetings are now held by Zoom on the first Tuesday of each month. KSA members should receive an email reminder of the meeting a few days in advance with the Zoom link. If you are a KSA member and do not receive KSA emails, please let us know by sending an email to ksa@scottish-rite-mpls.org and we will add you to the list.

The KSA is pleased to welcome several new Knights who petitioned this spring and were voted in at the May stated meeting:

Steven Seay
Justus Pope
David Houle
Scott Gianonne
Richard Carter
Bret Merritt

KNOW A MASON READY TO JOIN?

PETITION FOR DEGREES

We plan to hold an orientation session for our new Knights later this summer. At the orientation, we will give tours of the entire building and provide an overview of the various functions with which the KSA is often asked to assist. Time and date of the orientation are to be determined.

Due to the timing of the Reunion this spring and inability to reach a quorum, the KSA had to postpone officer elections until the stated meeting on August 2nd. This year we will be using an online voting tool so we can still meet via Zoom but maintain the secret ballot.

As a reminder, anyone can contact the KSA to request assistance with a Minneapolis Valley event or other project. To request assistance or get more information about the organization email us at ksa@scottish-rite-mpls.org. One of the KSA officers will respond promptly.

The KSA is always looking for new members who want a chance to be more involved with the Rite. It is the ideal situation for those who want to contribute but may not be able to participate on a regular basis. Anyone interested can email the KSA at the address above.

Fraternally,

Paul Hodnefield, 32° M.:R.:S.:

Senior Warden, Knights of St. Andrew, Minneapolis Valley