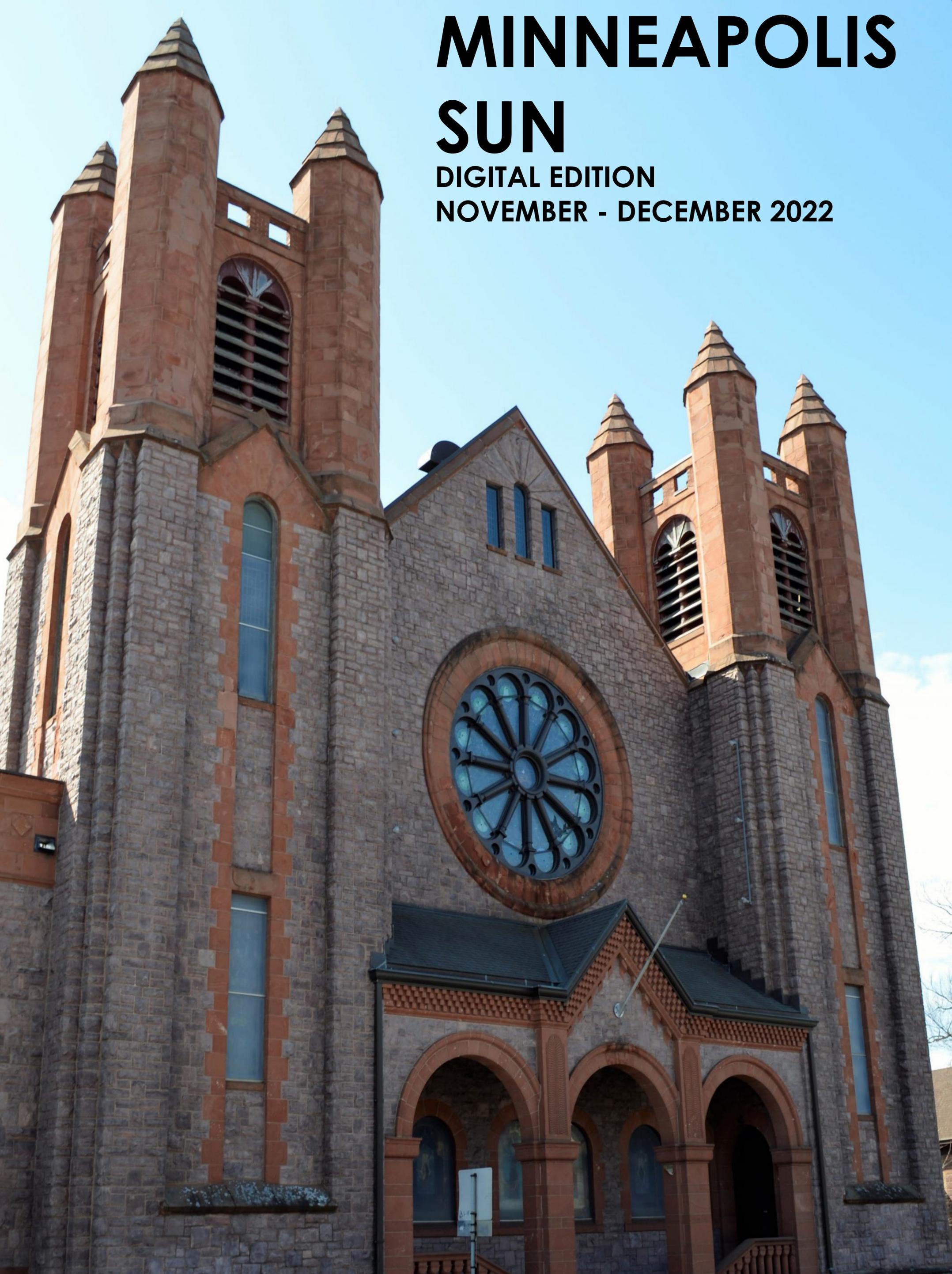


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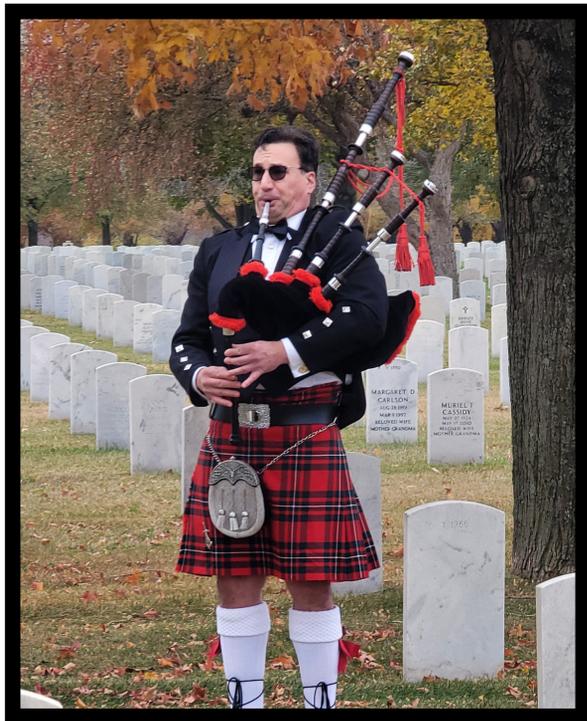
# UPCOMING DEGREES AND EVENTS

NOVEMBER 3RD	25°	KNIGHT OF THE BRAZEN SERPENT
NOVEMBER 3RD	26°	PRINCE OF MERCY
NOVEMBER 10TH	27°	KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE
NOVEMBER 17TH	28°	KNIGHT OF THE SUN OR PRINCE ADEPT
NOVEMBER 17TH	29°	SCOTTISH KNIGHT OF SAINT ANDREW
DECEMBER 1ST	30°	KNIGHT KADOSH
DECEMBER 8TH	31°	INSPECTOR INQUISITOR
DECEMBER 15TH	32°	MASTER OF THE ROYAL SECRET

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

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

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## RITUAL CORNER

**G**reetings Scottish Rite Brethren.

The Fall class is moving along with some excellent ritual work. The candidates are enjoying the degrees and I invite you to come and join us. We are moving into the degrees of the Council of Kadosh. Let us examine the 22nd degree, Knight of the Royal Axe or Prince of Libanus.

In this degree we learn that work is the mission of man. The duties taught in the degree are to respect labor for its own sake, and to do and respect the work accomplished and done by others. The saw, plane, and axe represent determination, equality, and to let the light of truth shine in the world. Albert Pike stated, "Sympathy with the great laboring classes, respect for labor itself, and resolution to do some good work in our day and generation, these are the lessons of this degree, and they are purely Masonic." (Morals and Dogma, p. 340). Let us all respect the hard work of others and labor to do our best in our own work as well.

The degrees of the Scottish Rite teach profound and important lessons for all Masons. They teach us philosophies and ideas that can make us better men, and help us make the world a better place. I urge you to join us for the Council of Kadosh and Consistory degrees as the Fall class continues.

Fraternally,

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



## ALWAYS DONE IT THIS WAY

There is a common misnomer that because we only remember one way of doing things that it is the way things have always been.

There are few greater places where this is untrue than in Wardrobe and Make-Up. Change occurs continually and has for decades.

One way is in the phrase “We’ve always done it this way.”

This is a myth as in the original form of the Scottish Rite degrees were performed in tuxedos and aprons.

This only occurs in our Valley for the 4th and 14th degrees today, but it used to be for all degrees prior to the 1920s.

At that time, it was determined that costumes and props would add to the degree presentation.

Another way is the phrase “That’s the wrong costume.”

Even when costumes came into being in the mid-1920s there was and is no standard costume for each role.

Although general guidelines were set, each individual valley determined what it wanted to use for each part.

A few are standardish (a guard or a workman wouldn’t dress like a king), but most are open to interpretation.

For example, the Master of Dispatches in the 15th Degree may well be dressed differently in another valley than as we see it.

So technically there are very few instances of a “wrong costume” per se.

So, who or what determines costumes?

Again, there are some roles that are set by the Southern or Northern Jurisdiction (for example the general look of the 18th degree officers).

Others are from companies that sell and design costumes such as Luther or Ward.

On a valley level the SGIG, Personal Rep, Degree Director and Wardrobe and Make-Up Chair have the biggest say in how we dress.

Sometimes we have to substitute costumes due to availability or actor size.

And as we are fond of saying “Records from that era are incomplete and sketchy...”

If you have an opinion on costumes, contact the degree director or the Wardrobe and Make-Up Committee.

Some things stay same, such as our oldest verifiable costume in continuous use (the costume for the Judge in the 11th degree has been in use since 1956—that’s more than 130 performances!).

But some change is good too, and we love to hear opinions on making degrees better and more meaningful.

Brother Juniper

Wardrobe and Make-Up Chair

Assistant to the Assistant Expert

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**ATTENTION ALL MASTERS OF THE ROYAL SECRET  
A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE LIGHT!!**

In November 11th and 12th, the Valley of Chicago Scottish Rite (Northern Jurisdiction) is holding it’s reunion. They will be presenting the 4th, 18th, 19th, 24th and 32nd degrees. These degrees are Northern Jurisdiction work, and differ significantly from the work we in the Southern Jurisdiction offer. While the lessons in both Jurisdictions are similar, it is truly an educational experience to witness this work. It’s also an amazing experience to meet our Brothers in the Chicago area.

Open to any Brother who has completed the 32°, you should mark your calendar now! More details (costs, meals, etc.) will be sent out as we receive them. If enough are interested, we can try to form car-pools, arrange a Minnesota SR dinner, etc. Send a note indicating your interest to [montekristo1@mac.com](mailto:montekristo1@mac.com) with “Chicago Reunion” in the subject line and I’ll add to to the list of those to be notified as plans unfold.



## FEAST OF TISHRI

**G**reetings Brethren,

On September 24th, the officers of the Minneapolis Valley Lodge of Perfection had the pleasure of hosting the annual Feast of Tishri, one of the most important celebrations for us in the Scottish Rite. More than 90 Brothers, family and friends gathered to celebrate the dedication of King Solomon's Temple, new beginnings, and a re-dedication to the principles of our gentle Craft. It was also an opportunity for us to gather in fellowship to celebrate class honorees, 50-year members, and the newest members of the Scottish Rite.

This year, we were joined by the family of two of our departed Brothers for whom the Spring and Fall classes were named: John Billman, 33° I.:G.:H.:, and Charles (Buzz) Anthony, 33° I.:G.:H.:. It was great to be able to spend time with them and hear stories about growing up in a Masonic family. We also had the privilege of honoring eleven 50-year members of our Valley, and were joined by one of the honorees, Everett L. Hurd, Jr. 32°, and his family. Following an incredible meal prepared by S.:G.:I.:G.: Emeritus Jerry Oliver and his team, the group adjourned to the auditorium for the presentation of the 14th Degree Rings.

The Minneapolis Valley was fortunate to have 41 new members participate in the Degrees in 2022. The Degrees presented by the Lodge of Perfection begin with the 4th Degree and culminate with the 14th Degree. We do not consider it to be true perfection, nor do we consider any of us involved to be perfect. Rather it is a goal for which we strive, and therein the aim of Scottish Rite, and indeed of all Masonry, to strive for perfection. We

attempt, through our system of progressive degrees, to teach our members the highest ethics and the lessons of philosophy, many of which taught to us by religion and history, and to learn the many blessings that come to us by being charitable. We also teach that a close relationship to our Creator, our country and our families is essential to our own wellbeing. The ring presented to the new members is symbolic of the attainment of the 14th Degree, Perfect Elu, and has a very special place in the ritual of the degree.

I wish to extend a warm, fraternal welcome to our new members, and I look forward to seeing you at the Rite!

Fraternally,

Scott Wood, 32° M.:R.:S.:

Junior Warden

Minneapolis Valley Lodge of Perfection



## DISCUSSION

There are many tools to help convey new information to an individual but one of the few ways that allows for information to go both ways is through discussion. By the exchange of ideas and opinions in a back-and-forth dialogue, all parties can better understand the other's thoughts and test them against their own. This can often lead to a blending of ideas into a more cohesive and complete thought. Discussion is also a great way to specify your thoughts and internalize new information.

In the candidate classes we make full use of discussion to facilitate a better understanding

of the lessons of the Scottish Rite degrees. Candidates are asked questions about symbols and meanings and how they can apply to their daily lives. Their answers can often lead to interesting revelations and insights that other brothers, even long-time Scottish Rite members, had not come to, deepening the experience for all. Group discussions can allow brothers with contradictory opinions to express themselves in an open and respectful way, a skill I think we would all like to see more of from the world at large.

If you are interested in watching these discussions, please join us in the candidate room after degrees. While we ask that the current candidates be the drivers of these discussions, there are sometimes opportunities for the wider membership to add their experiences as well. We hope that by hearing these discussions they help give you new perspectives and insights into the lessons of these degrees and give you a deeper Scottish Rite experience as well.

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

## **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)

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## HIGHLAND BAGPIPES

**H**ave you ever wanted to play the Highland bagpipes or drums? Now's your chance! I have been piping for over 30 years, it has given much joy to myself, family, and the community I live in. It is a great honor to be of service to friends, family, and many brothers to play the pipes for their dearly departed, the happily married, and other life events. You too can have this joy with a little effort and determination. I cannot tell a lie, learning the pipes is not for the faint of heart, in a way you have to be a little mad in the head, and I know many of you are just that, ha-ha...

We currently have six brothers learning the pipes. We are looking for drummers, i.e., snare, tenor, and a bass drum players. The investment is small, to get started it is \$100.00 to purchase your practice chanter and piping tutor book. We meet every Monday evening 6:30 to 8:00pm downstairs in the dining hall, and lessons are free.

Join the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite Bagpipe Band, we are the first official bagpipe band in the Southern and Northern jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. Be a part of history today!

Contact Brother Russ Lane at 612-578-4809, or email him at [barraadventures@yahoo.com](mailto:barraadventures@yahoo.com) for information to order your practice chanter and tutor book today. Don't put off until tomorrow, what can be done today, as tomorrow may never come!

Fraternally,

Russell Bernard Lane, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:



# DEMOLAY

## MINNESOTA

### DEMOLAY

The beautiful ritual of DeMolay was written by fellow Freemason and Scottish Rite member Frank Marshall (1865-1931) of Kansas City, Missouri, a drama, and music critic for the Kansas City Journal. He wrote the ritual for DeMolay in the early 1920s and the circumstances surrounding the writing of this marvelous work are very interesting, Frank Marshall created the soul of DeMolay with the rituals he wrote. These rituals, which include regalia and ritual objects, set DeMolay apart from other, non-Masonic, youth groups. The Order currently confers two degrees: the Initiation Degree and DeMolay Degree. The Initiatory degree instills into the initiate the Seven Cardinal virtues of a DeMolay and a pathway of life and the DeMolay Degree is a one act play on the trial of Jacques DeMolay, leading to his execution as the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar.

Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite members will have an opportunity to view the ritual of DeMolay on Sunday December 4th at 2:00 pm, as Minnesota DeMolay will be presenting their Grand Masters Class 2022 for the current Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota, Tony R. Krall. Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend to support the members of DeMolay and your Grand Master.

Mark Hailer, 33° I.:G.:H.:



# KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

**G**reetings from the Minneapolis Valley Knights of St. Andrew.

The Knights are an organization chartered to provide support and assistance to the Valley organizations and committees.

On September 15th, we performed a Knighting Ceremony to welcome new Knights to our Chapter. The ceremony was performed in the Red Room to allow candidates and Scottish Rite brethren to attend along with our Brother Knights and Knights Emeritus. The installing corps included a mix of our new officers (a couple of them were being knighted), Knights Emeritus and a Brother Knight.

Novitiates that were knighted include Clint LaFave, John Horton, Justus Pope, Scott Giannone, and Zac Jimenez.

There were several new Knights that were unable to attend. We also have petitions coming in. This will provide us with an opportunity to perform another ceremony as part of the Spring Degree Cycle (or earlier....) – stay tuned.

**KNOW A MASON READY TO JOIN?**

**PETITION FOR DEGREES**

The Knights supported the Lodge of Perfection during the Feast of Tishri. Brother Knights helped with the setup, tiling, meal checkin and dining room tasks. A busy night, indeed. However, many hands make light work. There was still time to chat and enjoy the fellowship of the evening.

The Knights also lent a hand to the families and Brothers during the Remembrance Ceremonies for Illustrious Brothers Ken Hill and Jim Burlingame, Sr.

Next up will be support for the Council Feast – look for us in the some of the same roles as noted for Tishri.

And, as always, our Knights are present on degree nights in a variety of roles, including the cast....

We all look forward to the 29th Degree – Scottish Knights of St. Andrew!

Any 32nd degree, Master of the Royal Secret, is eligible to join the KSA. It's a great way to get involved in the many aspects of the Scottish Rite. Your participation and support are welcome at as many of our degree nights and events as your schedule permits. And, it's a great way to meet more brothers and have some fun along the way. Petitions are in the office and online via the KSA page on the Valley website.

When a petition is voted and a brother is accepted, he then becomes a Knight – we'll have the formal Knighting at the next opportunity to perform the ceremony. But when you join, you're welcome to 'kilt up' and join us for meetings, other events at the Temple and Chapter gatherings.

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](mailto:ksa@scottish-rite-mpls.org). One of the KSA officers will respond promptly.

Our Stated Meetings are the First Tuesday of the month, at 5:30 PM.  
We'll see you all on Degree Nights (and other events).

Fraternally,

Bill Brown, 32° M.:R.:S.:  
Excellent Master  
Knights of St. Andrew



## FROM THE TYLER'S DESK

The Tyler's desk is the first stop for anyone entering the Scottish Rite on Thursday. Many regulars will recognize the Tylers' faces but may not otherwise know our team. Therefore, we want we want to occasionally spotlight members of the Tyler Committee. One person most of our readers will recognize is our longest serving Tyler, Gene Stauffacher, K.:C.:C.:H.: Gene has been a fixture at the front desk since 2006. The part he most enjoys about being a Tyler is "the camaraderie among the guys." When the front desk traffic slows down, he likes to keep busy with various craft and art projects. He is also an avid stamp collector and always appreciates it when members drop off envelopes with canceled stamps. Feel free to stop by and say hello to Gene next time you are at the Scottish Rite.

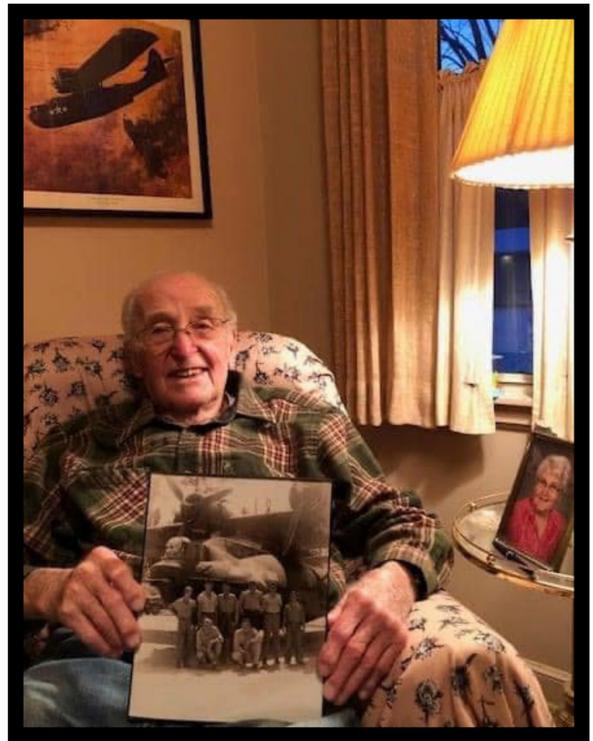




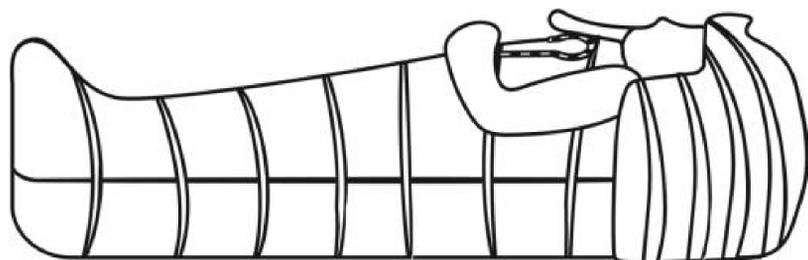
Here further up the mountain slope  
Than there was ever any hope,  
My father built, enclosed a spring,  
Strung chains of wall round everything,  
Subdued the growth of earth to grass,  
And brought our various lives to pass.  
A dozen girls and boys we were.  
The mountain seemed to like the stir,  
And made of us a little while-  
With always something in her smile.  
Today she wouldn't know our name.  
(No girl's, of course, has stayed the same.)  
The mountain pushed us off her knees.  
And now her lap is full of trees.



James Burlingame, 33° G.:C.: - September 13, 2022



Karl Knutson, 33° I.:G.:H.: - October 1, 2022



# Spring 2023

JANUARY 2023		
1/3/2023	HEADS OF BODIES	6:30PM
1/05/2023	MEMBERSHIP EVENT	
1/07/2023	Welcome & Introduction to the Valley	6:30PM
1/12/2023	4, 5, 6° SPRING CLASS	6:00PM
1/19/2023	7, 8, 9°	6:00PM
1/26/2023	10, 11°	6:30PM
FEBRUARY 2023		
2/2/2023	12, 13°	6:30PM
2/7/2023	HEADS OF BODIES	6:30PM
2/9/2023	14°	6:30PM
2/16/2023	15, 16°	6:00PM
2/23/2023	17, 18°	6:00PM

MARCH 2023		
3/2/2023	19, 20°	6:30PM
3/7/2023	HEADS OF BODIES	6:30PM
3/9/2023	21, 22°	6:30PM
3/16/2023	23, 24°	6:30PM
3/23/2023	25, 26°	6:30PM
3/25/2023	Remembrance & Renewal	5:00PM
3/30/2023	27°	6:30PM
APRIL 2023		
4/4/2023	HEADS OF BODIES	6:30PM
4/06/2023	28, 29°	6:30PM
4/13/2023-4/15/2023	GRAND LODGE	
4/20/2023	31°	6:30PM
4/22/2023	Welcome & Introduction to the Valley	6:30PM
4/27/2023	SPRING REUNION--4, 14°	6:00PM
4/29/2023	SPRING REUNION--18, 30, 32°	

# Fall 2023

AUGUST 2023		
8/1/2023	HEADS OF BODIES	6:30PM
8/24/2023	MEMBERSHIP EVENT	6:30PM
8/31/2022	Welcome & Introduction to the Valley	6:30PM
SEPTEMBER 2023		
9/5/2023	HEADS OF BODIES	6:30PM
9/07/2023	4, 5, 6°	6:00PM
9/14/2023	7, 8, 9°	6:00PM
9/21/2023	10, 11°	6:30PM
9/28/2023	12, 13°	6:30PM
9/30/2023	14°-Feast of Tishri	2:00PM
OCTOBER 2023		
10/3/2023	HEADS OF BODIES	6:30PM
10/05/2023	15, 16°	6:00PM
10/12/2023	17, 18°	6:00PM
10/19/2023	19, 20°	6:30PM
10/26/2023	21, 22°	6:30PM
10/28/2023	COUNCIL FEAST	5:30PM

NOVEMBER 2023		
11/02/2023	23, 24°	6:30PM
11/07/2023	HEADS OF BODIES	6:30PM
11/09/2023	25, 26°	6:30PM
11/16/2023	27°	6:30PM
11/23/2023	THANKSGIVING	DARK
11/30/2023	28, 29°	6:30PM
DECEMBER 2023		
12/05/2023	HEADS OF BODIES	6:30PM
12/07/2023	30°	6:30PM
12/14/2023	31°	6:30PM
12/16/2023	32°	6:00PM