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# UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 11TH		CONSISTORY SCOTTIE AWARDS
MAY 13TH - 14TH		DOORS OPEN EVENT
MAY 18TH		CHAPTER KNIGHT ROSE CROIX OFFICER INSTALLATION

\*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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2022

COMING TO VISIT?

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## IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Valley of Minneapolis, it is important for us to sit back and contemplate all that the Scottish Rite means to us. Our forefathers established the Scottish Rite to teach us lessons of morality and personal development. They left us with a ritual that, at least to me, is one of the most meaningful in Masonry. They also left us a building in which to practice our craft.

What then can we do to honor our forefathers? I respectfully suggest that we can live true to their work by preserving and maintaining our precious Scottish Rite. We must ever remain vigilant in performing the ritual the way it was intended. We must maintain our building, costumes, backdrops, and props so that they continue to be useful.

One has only to look at recent classes to know that there is still a demand for the type of advanced Masonic education that the Scottish Rite offers. While we do not get classes of 100 or more people like we did at some points in our history, we have a strong membership program, and the response to it has been positive. Masons want to continue to learn to improve themselves and to be better members of society. This is exactly what the Scottish Rite has to offer.

I challenge each of you to do whatever you can to make sure that the next 150 years are as successful as our first 150 years. Attend the degrees. Memorize your work. Participate in degrees. Assist us in maintaining this beautiful building that we have.

I remind you of the line in the 32nd Degree that is, in effect, “to labor is to pray.” This line has always been important to me and emphasizes that the best way that we can serve our creator is to put into practice the lessons that we are taught.





*Brothers! You are cordially invited by the Minneapolis Consistory to the 2023 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 11, 2023**

**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**

**Scan the QR Code to RSVP and select  
dinner choice or contact Mike Miller at  
[mike.miller5@gmail.com](mailto:mike.miller5@gmail.com)  
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Let's all band together and help celebrate the next 150 years of the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite.

Tony Krall, 33° S.:G.:I.:G.:



## RITUAL CORNER

**G**reetings 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 September, 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

I hope you had the opportunity at Grand Lodge to stop by and talk with the young Men of Minnesota DeMolay and then see them conduct the Arch of Steele at the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers on April 15. DeMolay will be moving into a busy period of activities as the weather improves. The end of May is always a busy time around the Memorial Day weekend. DeMolay Prom will take place Sunday May 28th, with a new venue which will include a dinner and dance down the St. Croix



river, boarding from Hudson, the following day includes the Memorial Day Service at Acacia Cemetery in Eagan. Picnics, ritual practices and State degrees will be occurring as preparation for Conclave in August takes place. Check out [mndemolay.org](http://mndemolay.org) for more information.

Mark Hailer, 33° I.:G.:H.:



## REMEMBRANCE & RENEWAL

On April 1st, the Chapter Knight Rose Croix held our Valley's Remembrance & Renewal Ceremony. It is a solemn ceremony where we remember the brothers we have lost over the past year, and we renew our dedication to our obligation and mission as Masons.

Fifty-three Scottish Rite brothers departed us last year. It is tradition that we invite the families of these brethren to our ceremony. In attendance were the families of

James O. Burlingame, Sr., 33° G.:C.:

Calvin A. Headley, 32° M.:R.:S.:

Kenneth P. Hill, 33° I.:G.:H.:

Paul A. Thomas, 32° M.:R.:S.:

We light the Candle of Remembrance from the three lesser lights. This is a symbol of our Masonic journey. In our journey to obtain more light, our light is built from the light of our brethren. We will carry this light with us until we lay down our working tools and join our departed brethren in the Celestial Lodge above.



We remember our departed brethren fondly, and it is in that remembrance that we renew our dedication to Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Mark Evan Prewett, 32° M.:R.:S.:

Standard Bearer

Chapter Knight Rose Croix



## CANDIDATES ARE THE PRIORITY

Recently during the candidate education after one of the degrees, we suffered a sizable interruption while one of our presenters was discussing the degree with the class. While this was a particularly egregious example, interruptions to the class are sadly not uncommon. To be clear, I do not think any of these interruptions are done maliciously but rather out of unawareness. There is a lot of activity in our Valley, and sometimes that unknowingly carries over into the candidate's room, which is completely understandable. I share this story not to complain or chastise but to make us aware of what may be a bigger concern, we need to be conscious of our candidate's experience. We need to remember the candidates are the priority.

Like all masonic bodies, our Valley suffers from declining membership. This comes

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from both a drop in new members coming in, as well as old members walking away, a decline in both recruitment and retention. If we do not make the candidate experience a priority, this can negatively affect our membership. A candidate that does not feel like a priority is less likely to feel at home when they become a member. A member who does not feel at home is less likely to bring in new members. This can be a vicious cycle and can contribute to rapid decline in our rolls.

A quality experience can go a long way. By keeping the candidates the focus of our aims, from dinner to the degrees and beyond, we may be doing more to increase membership than many of our grandest events. I am not advocating for any specific changes but to change the way we may be thinking about the experience, simply to remind us to be aware of the candidates over all things. Let us remember that, as much fun as we have at the Scottish Rite, our degree cycles exist primarily for them. We can make our Valley that much better and sustainable into the future when we remember that the candidates are always the priority.

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

Masonry is useful to all men: to the learned, because it affords them the opportunity of exercising their talents upon the subjects eminently worthy of their attention; to the illiterate, because it offers them important instruction; to the young, because it presents them with salutary precepts and good examples, and accustoms them to reflect on the proper mode of living; to the man of the world, whom it furnishes with noble and useful recreation; to the traveler, whom it enables to find friends and brothers in countries where else he would be isolated and solitary; to the worthy man in misfortune, to whom it gives assistance; to the afflicted, on whom it lavishes consolation; to the charitable man, whom it enables to do more good, by uniting with those who are charitable like himself; and to all who have souls capable of appreciating its importance, and of enjoying the charms of a friendship founded on the same principles of religion, morality, and philanthropy.





Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar.

Charles L. Brown - March 23, 2023

Thomas S. Ewing - March 26, 2023

Robert J. Haugen - February 18, 2023

Glen E. Peters - March 16, 2022

Donald C. Walker - April 1, 2023

Henry H. Gyllenblad, 33° I.:G.:H.: - April 3, 2023

Ray S. Hoosier - April 11, 2023

