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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 19TH-23RD		BIENNIAL SESSION IN DC
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***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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Ill. Tim Davison, 33° (in his Templar Lodge Polo shirt!!!) in attendance at Hidalgo Lodge #1036 in Edinburg TX. Ill. Tim is pictured here with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas State, Mexico, Most Worshipful Brother Ramon Martinez, who visited Hidalgo Lodge on an official visit from his Grand Lodge in Mexico.



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COMING TO VISIT?
DON'T FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD!



RITUAL CORNER

Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren.

The Fall Class begins on September 7, 2023.

Do you have a favorite degree? If so, come and see it during the Fall Class. Have you always wanted to have a part in a degree? Contact me or the Valley Secretary, and we will get your name and contact information to the Degree Directors. Many times, you just need to ask about a part. The Directors are always looking for more and new actors for the degrees. Not an actor, but still want to be involved in the degrees? Contact me or the Valley Secretary to get in touch with the Lighting, Sound, Properties, Education, Tyler, or Dining committees. All are happy to get new members to help with degree nights.

One of the things that keeps bringing me and others to the Scottish Rite is our dedication to fulfill the creed of the Scottish Rite.

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. – Scottish Rite Creed

The degrees teach the lessons we need to improve ourselves, and what we need to incorporate these ideas in ourselves, our families, our communities, and the world. There is a new class of candidates continuing their journey toward Masonic Light. It is a great honor to help them understand the lessons of the Scottish Rite Creed through the

degrees. I urge you to join the members of your Blue Lodge in the Fall Class or come and make new friends in the Fall Class and at the Rite. I look forward to seeing you during the degrees!

Fraternally,

Lee E. Kielblock, 33° I.:G.:H.:

Ritual Director

Minneapolis Valley



DEMOLAY

The Representative DeMolay is the highest self-achievement award Active and Senior DeMolays can earn. It's a self-assessment program where you progress toward goals you set for yourself. You complete a detailed survey of your interests, achievements, general knowledge, and habits. The Representative DeMolay Award is a revealing study of the type of person you are. It focuses on self-expression, hobbies, physical activities,

religious activities, DeMolay activities, citizenship, and civics. A DeMolay must have a minimum of six months membership by the time he files his Representative DeMolay Application Form. He must also have earned his Obligation Card. The Representative DeMolay Award was commissioned by DeMolay Founder Frank S. Land to encourage all members of DeMolay to evaluate and develop a well-rounded life that is characterized by the practice of the virtues and values of the Order. Dad Land's goal was for every DeMolay to be a Representative DeMolay, not merely by holding the honor, but by living in such a way as to make the Order proud to call you its own. Representative DeMolay from each jurisdiction by selection of the Executive Officer compete in Representative DeMolay of the year, I had the opportunity to serve on the selection committee and interview the candidates by zoom, an outstanding group of young men are competing for this year's title, which accompanies award funds provided by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction,

Minnesota DeMolay will be conducting their annual Conclave August 3-5 in St. Peter on the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College. Saturday the 5th will be a family day with DeMolay Degrees, afternoon fun and a banquet. If you would like to attend you can contact me, and I will have you put on the reservation list.

Mark Hailer, 33° I.:G.:H.:

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LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Greetings 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason,

Yes, that's you! Congratulations on your successful journey to becoming a Master of the Royal Secret! We, on the Lighting Committee, have a message for you:

The Lighting Committee is Looking for YOU!

Along with reconstructing the support structure for the stage drops, the Scottish Rite Building and Museum Foundation Board has invested in a new, state of the art lighting system for both the stage and the auditorium. The new LED lights give us an amazing color spectrum and multiple special effects to work with for lighting our degree work. This is a whole new era for lighting our excellent degrees. And with these new capabilities and possibilities comes some exciting challenges in learning, creating, stepping into, and executing the potential of this lighting system. We can add drama, mood and movement that will deepen the experiences of our degree work. The system has resident special effects like rainbow, circle, figure 8, spiral and can can. If you know what any of those are, we want you! And we can create our own special effects like a brightening dawn effect at the beginning of a degree. Sound familiar?

And we need YOU! Yes, we need Lighting Committee Members who would like to be part of a close knit, fun group of men dedicated to bringing more Light to (Scottish Rite) Masonry. If you like having fun with technologies, programming, experimenting with new tech, we can use your talents and curiosity. If you are a tech nerd or enjoy the creative process or have a knack for solving problems which would create attention grabbing impacts on a theater experience, we want your expertise. Even if you're not all that tech savvy but curious and want to watch our degrees from the best seats in the house while following the action with lights, you'll enjoy our merry band of men.

If you are interested in pursuing more information, asking some questions, or coming to look at the new setup for lighting, please contact me. We will be having some training sessions coming up soon for you to jump in on the start up. We spread out the work to lighten the load for all. Come join our easy going group and enjoy the company of enlightened gents. Check us out! We're looking forward to meeting you.

In Light and Brotherhood,
Nick Oliveri, 32° M.:R.:S.:
Chair, Lighting Committee



KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

Greetings, esteemed members of the Scottish Rite community! First and foremost, let's celebrate the achievements of Br. Knight Clint LaFave, who was honored with the prestigious Knight of the Year award at the Scotties. This recognition reflects the unwavering commitment to excellence within our Scottish Rite family.

While regular Lodge meetings may be on hiatus during the summer season, it's important to note that the Knights of Saint Andrew remain anything but inactive. During these summer months, we channel our energies into supporting the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Valley in different ways, one such being helping to run ethernet cable through our building, ensuring that the essential work of our fraternity continues smoothly.

Moreover, even when we're not donning our regalia, we proudly represent the principles of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. We participate in public events and community engagements, always ready to share our knowledge and experiences with others. By actively promoting our beloved fraternity, we plant seeds of curiosity and inspire prospective members to join us on our remarkable journey.

I implore you to prioritize your attendance and active participation in our upcoming festivities and enlightening degree schedule. By consciously making it a priority to attend, you contribute to the collective efforts that strengthen our shared spiritual quest. Embrace the transformative power of our sacred rituals and gatherings, for they hold the keys to profound Masonic teachings. Let us unite in our dedication to Freemasonry, supporting one another and assisting wherever needed. Together, we shape the future of our beloved Order and embody the timeless truths that resonate through the ages.

Fraternally yours,

Scott Giannone, 32° M.:R.:S.:

Eminent Master, Knights of Saint Andrew



FEAST OF TISHRI

SATURDAY THE 30TH OF SEPTEMBER

- 14° CONFERRAL • 2:30PM
 - RING CEREMONY • 4:00PM
 - SOCIAL HOUR • 5:30PM
 - DINNER PROGRAMME • 6:30PM
- { MAIN AUDITORIUM
- { BILLIARDS ROOM & LOUNGE
- { DINING ROOM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER • ILL. BRO. DEAN R. ALBAN
DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP, SUPREME COUNCIL

SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE • 2011 DUPONT AVENUE SOUTH

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REBUILDING OUR HOME

It has been three years now since the events of early 2020 had our small, midwest city in the world news for all the wrong reasons. The murder of George Floyd was just the catalyst needed to ignite the ire of a population already struggling to deal with a global pandemic. Whatever your opinion about those events, and the chaos that ensued, it is well accepted that life in Minneapolis has become more difficult since then. A spike in crime has disturbed the quiet safety that usually pervades our city and disruptions to the world economy have made making ends meet harder for many. While some groups might see these issues as reasons to give up, we as Scottish Rite Masons should see this as a call to action.

This Valley is our home and the city we reside in is our community. We are taught in the nineteenth degree to “see only what there is to do, and do it, leaving the results to God!” But what can we do? Simple acts like smiling at a passing stranger, holding doors for others, or slowing down your vehicle to let a family cross the street can go a long way to restoring the disrupted fabric of society and remind people we are all still neighbors. But it can be bigger than that! You or your lodge can feed the needy, sponsor a school youth program or volunteer to clean a park. And when lodges work together even bigger things can happen! As an example, Tim Peterson, 32° M.:R.:S.:, with generous support from

KNOW A MASON READY TO JOIN?

PETITION FOR DEGREES

several metro lodges including our Prince Hall brothers, recently put on an event here at this Scottish Rite Temple to award money to young entrepreneurs from the Minneapolis public school system. By helping the youth follow their dreams we are helping build good businesses in our city, bringing needed jobs and economic improvement to our community.

So rather than seeing a city with unsolvable problems, let us look at our current situation as an opportunity to rebuild. In the Entered Apprentice degree, we are tasked “to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds”. I can think of no more important task for us as masons than to be the primary driver for the rebuilding of this city, and through that rebuilding we can help shape a future where masonry, and the morals we strive for, become commonplace.

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.



Thy hand, Belinda, darkness shades me
On thy bosom let me rest
More I would, but Death invades me;
Death is now a welcome guest

When I am laid in earth, may my wrongs create
No trouble in thy breast;
Remember me, but ah! forget my fate

Dave E. Culbert - May 25, 2023

Gene A. Pals - September 12, 2022

Glenn H. Carlson - June 5, 2023

Daniel B. McAlpine - June 18, 2023

Corey M. Lewandoski - May 2, 2023

Larry C. McNeff - December 31, 2022

John Arneson - February 22, 2023

Robert M. Oleson, Sr. - June 20, 2016

