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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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RITUAL CORNER

Greetings Scottish Rite Brethren.

I hope to see many of you joining us to watch the degrees of the Fall class. I know there will be some great presentations of the degrees. The degree teams are ready and eager to help portray the lessons of the degrees to our new candidates, and to our existing Scottish Rite Brothers.

As we experience the degrees, let us look at the 23rd degree from the Council of Kadosh, Chief of the Tabernacle. In this degree, we learn the duties of being devoted to God, to endeavor to promote the welfare of man, and to respect and act properly to our superiors. We are taught that a simple faith is wiser than vain philosophy. The 23rd degree is the first degree to introduce the idea of the Mysteries of the ancient civilizations. Albert Pike states, “The instruction now conveyed by books and letters was of old conveyed by symbols; and the priest had to invent or to perpetuate a display of rites and exhibitions, which were not only more attractive to the eye than words, but often to the mind more suggestive and pregnant with meaning.” (Morals and Dogma, pg. 354).

Come and join us to watch, listen, and learn the lessons of the Council of Kadosh and other degrees. Learn more about the ancient Mysteries, and how what they teach can help us all become better Scottish Rite Masons and Men. See you at the Rite!

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



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

RSVP





HAWAII DISASTER RELIEF

Brethren,

The Masonic Service Association of North America has issued a disaster relief appeal, at the request of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, in response to the devastating wild fires on the Island of Maui. Full details can be found on the Masonic Service Association website, including donation information for those seeking to provide financial support.

The Masonic Service Association is a 501(c)(3), charitable non-profit, and all monies collected by the MSA will be sent on to the Grand Lodge of Hawaii. If you are able, please consider helping our brethren in Maui.

[Click here for details and donation information](#)

Fraternally,

Keith Reiersen
Grand Secretary



MINNEAPOLIS SCOTTISH RITE OUTING

SAVE THE DATE

Chicago Valley of Scottish Rite (NJ) November 10th - 11th

- **Degrees** - 4° Master Traveler, 13° Master of the Ninth Arch, 18° Knight of the Rose Croix, 28° Knight of the Sun, and 32° Prince of the Royal Secret
- **Party theme** Saturday evening will be the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party (*costumes encouraged*)

More information coming soon



KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

Greetings, esteemed Brethren of the Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite! As we step into the vibrant hues of autumn, our hearts are aglow with gratitude and celebration. It is with great pleasure that I first extend my appreciation to Emeritus Knight Nick Settich in orchestrating the KSA appreciation luncheon and gathering. Nick's commitment resonates from deep within our gentle craft and fosters a sense of unity that lies at the very core of our beloved Order.

In the same spirit of honor, we shine a spotlight on KSA Senior Warden Ty Schmidt – a beacon of leadership and unwavering devotion. Ty has been granted the esteemed privilege of joining the ranks of the Knight Commander Court of Honor, a distinction that symbolizes his commitment to our shared ideals and his boundless contributions.

As we weave the tapestry of achievement, we likewise acknowledge the remarkable journey of Paul Hodnefield, a dedicated soul who, too, has been elected to the Knight Commander Court of Honor. Paul's journey reflects the virtues and principles that keep us “connected” and make our Order flourish. Let us join in applause for this well-deserved honor.

Beyond individual accolades, let us collectively applaud all the nominees to the Knight Commander Court of Honor; you inspire us all, illuminating the path of our Masonic journey. Furthermore, our heartfelt congratulations extend to those nominated for the 33rd degree Inspector General Honorary; your commitment to the craft, your wisdom, and your selflessness elevate us to greater heights.

As September unfurls its presence, our anticipation turns to the fall degree cycle. Mark your calendars now for Thursday, October 19th at 5:30 PM, the Red Room will bear witness to the Knights of Saint Andrew Knighting Ceremony. We wholeheartedly invite all to attend. For those who have yet to heed the call of fellowship, duty, and service to their Minneapolis Valley, we extend a special invitation to fill out a petition for the [Knights of St. Andrew](#). Your presence and dedication are threads that further strengthen the tapestry of our Brotherhood.

As the leaves rustle and the winds whisper the secrets of the ages, let us continue to walk hand in hand, united in our purpose as Scottish Rite Masons. May the bonds we share grow ever stronger, and may our endeavors be guided by the radiant light of fraternity and enlightenment.

Fraternally,

Scott Giannone M.:R.:S.:

Excellent Master, Knights of St. Andrew



INFREQUENCY IS GOOD TOO!

It's that time of year, when the Minneapolis Valley comes to life again after four dormant months, and many masons' schedules become a lot busier. Most of the workers have all been in contact for several weeks, planning and getting ready for the upcoming cycle. Your Double Eagle, the liaison between your lodge and the valley, has doubtless made you aware of all the events coming up. If you are a regular attendee at the Rite, you may be getting excited by all these happenings. But if you are an infrequent member,

or haven't visited the valley in a while, you may be intimidated by this level of activity. You may ask yourself, "I'm already busy. How can I commit so much of my time?" My answer to you is simple, you don't have to!

If you haven't been to the Rite in a while, I encourage you to find just one-day this cycle to attend. You don't even have to stay all night; come for dinner, your favorite degree, or just stop by the candidate's room and say "hi." I think you will find it well worth your time. While we would all like to see everyone attend every valley event, that is obviously unrealistic. We are all busy with our family, our jobs and our other passions in life, conflicts are bound to happen. But even if you can only make it to one degree a cycle, or even a year, that is great! One more brother on one more night is a big deal and infrequent attendance is better than never attending at all.

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.