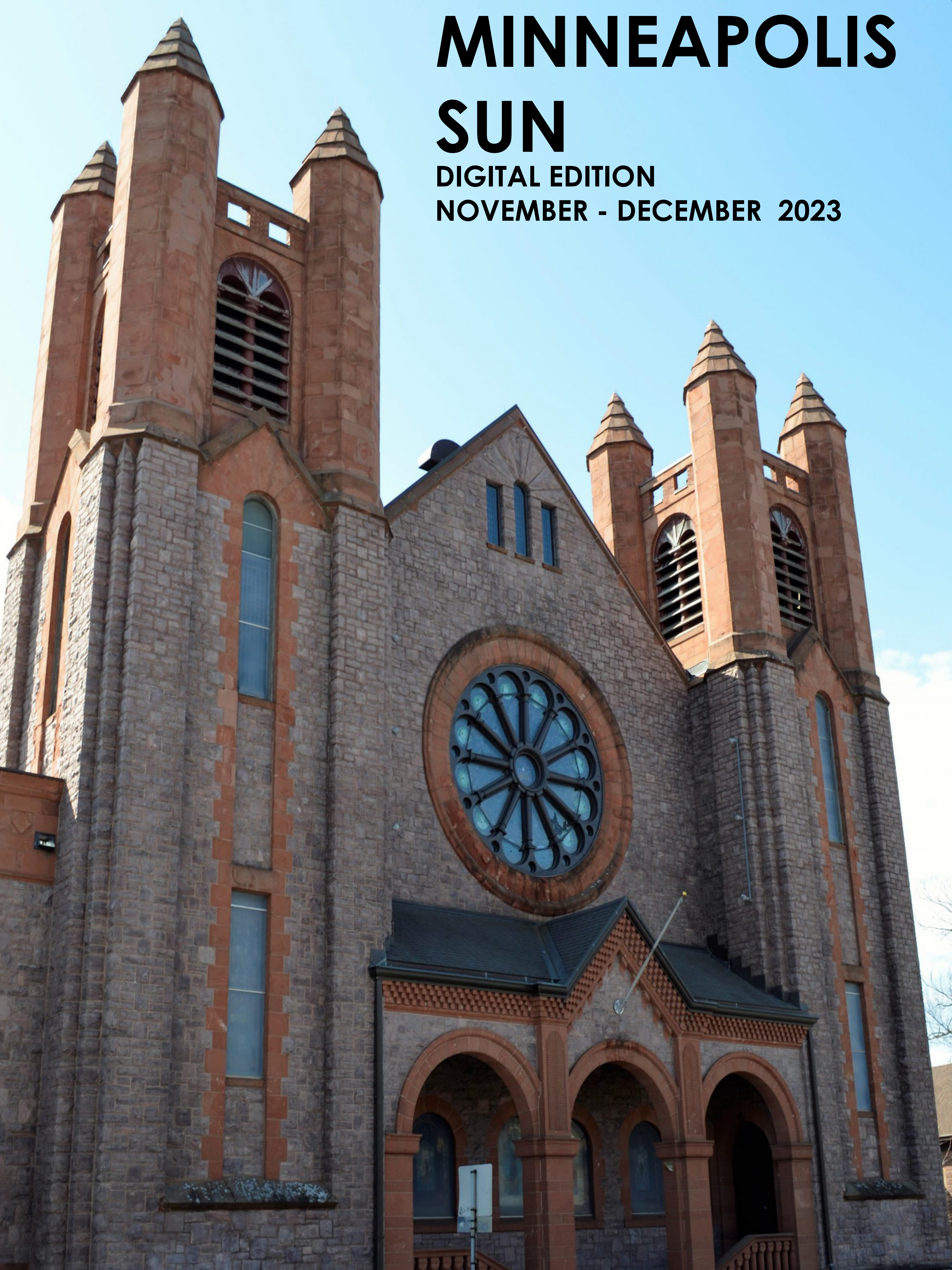


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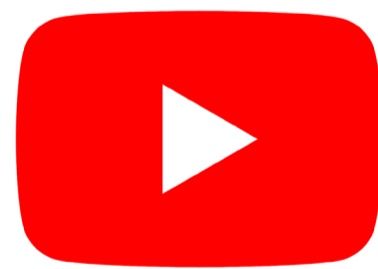
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*Every first Tuesday of the month is the Heads of Bodies and Knights of Saint Andrew meetings

**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.

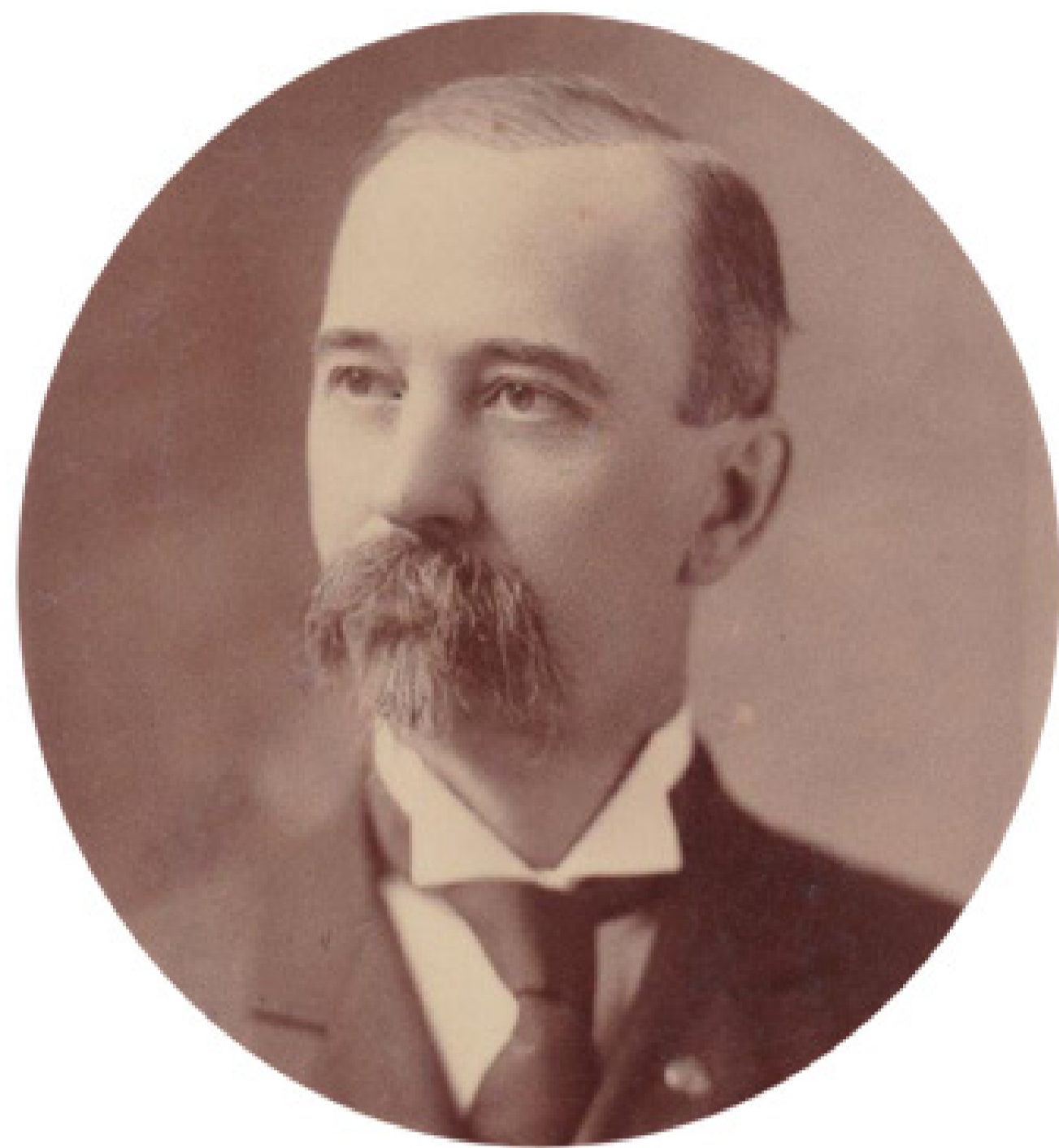
Autumn is upon us and the Fall class is in full swing. I look forward to seeing each of you at the degrees, helping to bring Masonic light to all the new candidates from all your lodges. There have been some fantastic degrees so far. As we continue the Fall class, let us take a look back at the 10th degree, Elu of the Fifteen.

In the 10th degree, we devote ourselves to toleration and liberty, and to instruct and enlighten the people to free them from ignorance. Albert Pike states about toleration, “Toleration holds that every other man has the same right to his opinion and faith that we have to ours;...” (Morals and Dogma, p. 160). Concerning enlightenment he states, “Masonry is action, and not inertness. It requires its Initiates to WORK, actively and earnestly for the benefit of their brethren, their country, and mankind. It is the patron of the oppressed, as it is the comforter and consoler of the unfortunate and wretched.... It pities the poor, the sorrowing the disconsolate; it endeavors to raise and improve the ignorant, the sunken, and the degraded. (Morals and Dogma, p 152). Let us all put these teachings into practice to make the world a better place filled with toleration and enlightenment.

I look forward to seeing and hearing all that the degrees have to teach us, and to help each of us in our journey toward Masonic light. Make your Thursday a night for Masonic education at the Scottish Rite.

Fraternally,

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



SGIG at age 36 years, 2 months, and 10 days

October 16, 1888 – October 19, 1923

Total Duration of Supreme Council Tenure: 35 years and 3 days

Alabama – October 16, 1888 – October 19, 1923

Duration of Supreme Council Tenure for Alabama: 35 years and 3 days

Puerto Rico – December 1, 1901 – January 14, 1916

Duration of Supreme Council Tenure for Puerto Rico: 15 years, 1 months, and 13 days

Born: August 9, 1848 – Died: December 4, 1930

Life span: 82 years, 3 months, and 25 days

Attorney-at-Law

K.C.C.H GIVEN 14 MEMBERS OF MINNEAPOLIS BODIES

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This article is the beginning of a series where we will republish articles from 100 years ago in the Scottish Rite Sun. This article is about the Supreme Council sessions, and the investiture of new K.C.C.H. and I.G.H. members of our Valley. This article is from the November 1923 edition of this newsletter. I found this article noteworthy because of the brief discussion of the Ku Klux Klan and a George Fleming Moore who had put in his resignation at the Supreme Council session. Judge Moore was the Sovereign Grand Commander for the years of 1914 to 1921 and was nominated as an active member of the Supreme Council by Sovereign Grand Commander Albert Pike.

Researching George Fleming Moore (you can read more about Fleming's history [here](#) and [here](#)), I could not find any ties between The Ku Klux Klan and himself, but it does not come as a surprise that this was a rumor. The Ku Klux Klan was having a resurgence in the 1920s, especially after the heels of the release of a movie called "Birth of a Nation," which romanticized the Klan and led to its resurgence. In Alabama, the Klan was in strong prominence and contributed immensely to the segregation, discrimination, and

worse of African Americans in that State (If you want to learn more about the Ku Klux Klan in Alabama between 1915 and 1930, you can do so [here](#)).

I hope you find this look back in history interesting! The SUN in 1923 did not sign their articles, but it is assumed that it was written by secretary David Waldo Knowlton, 33° I.:G.:H.:.

Mark Evan Prewett, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
Editor for the SUN

P.S. The article regarding the October 2023 investiture of our new K.:C.:C.:H.: members will be in the January – February 2024 issue.

SCOTTISH RITE SUN NOVEMBER 2023

The Scottish Rite bodies of the valley of Minneapolis were highly honored by having fourteen of its members elected Knights commander court of honor by the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, ancient and accepted Scottish Rite, southern jurisdiction, edit session which opened in the House of the temple at Washington DC on October 15.

The members of the Minneapolis bodies upon which the high honor were conferred were Gustav Bachman, Merrill Bartlett, Charles August Berger, Alvin LeRoy Dretchko, Fred Gerish Dustin, John Glen Martner, Irving Herman Robitshek, George Henry Thomas, Harry Harvey Warner and Harry Earl Wheeler all of Minneapolis and August Mabry Karl of Saint James, George Washington Diepenhock of Red Wing, Anders Niels Peter Larson Hakkerup of Bemidji, and Thomas Gleason Jones Pease of Anoka.

5 Minnesota Scottish Rite Masons were elected to the 33rd degree honorary the council. They were John Quincy Adams and Leonard Young of Duluth, Charles Mortimer Morse of Winona, Alonzo James Burningham and Charles Stephen Schurman of St. Paul.

The 33rd degree and the Knights commander of the court of honor will be conferred upon the Minnesotans in special services to be conducted by 33rd degree Masons late this fall.

Albert Fenderson Pray, 33° of Minneapolis, Deputy of the Supreme Council for the state of Minnesota, attended the Supreme Council sessions. There is attending from our

bodies were David Waldo Knowlton, 33°, secretary, who attended the meetings of the secretaries of all the valleys and the southern jurisdiction and William P. Roberts, 33°. Supreme Council was opened on Monday October 15th allocution by John H. Cowles, sovereign grand commander. Among the specific proposals submitted by him, was a recommendation that in addition to the educational propaganda now carried on, the Supreme Council, should build a modern hospital for Masons suffering from tuberculosis, if funds justified the appropriation. Before the council adjourned it appointed the committee to consider report on the sovereign grand commander's hospital recommendation.

Support of an educational program, including a campaign for the creation of a federal Department of Education and establishment of a National University at Washington D.C. to be supported by the government was reaffirmed by the council before adjournment. Other features of program re endorsed included compulsory teaching of English in the public schools, Americanization of aliens, equalization of opportunity for children of the rural districts and improvement of the status of teachers.

During the session of the Supreme Council the names of George Fleming Moore, 33° of Alabama, former sovereign grand commander, and Horatio C. Plumley, 33° of North Dakota, were transferred to the emeriti list at their request. Mr. Plumley Retires from active membership by reason of continued ill health.

The story that appeared in some newspapers that Judge Moore's resignation was accepted after discussion of the Ku Klux Klan and Judge Moore's alleged activities in connection with its propaganda, was wholly without foundation. No mention of the Klan was made at any time upon the floor of the Supreme Council.

Judge Moore requested that his resignation be accepted on the statute that provides A sovereign grand Inspector General who removes his residence permanently from his jurisdiction, may ask the Supreme Council to relieve him of his responsibilities and place him upon the emiriti list. Judge Moore's business interests are now located in Washington DC and his residence is in Hyattsville, MD.



KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

EMBRACING BROTHERHOOD AND TRADITION

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

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.



EPISODE 444

A recent episode of The Masonic Roundtable podcast (episode #444) was centered around discussion on the topic of the Scottish Rite and its moniker as “The University of Freemasonry”. The general feeling of the commentators was that since education has been so greatly reduced or eliminated from most every valley, labeling the Scottish Rite a “university” is misleading and inaccurate. One commentator stated, “As long as membership is your drive, or measure of success... it is never going to be the university of freemasonry.” In addition to a critical view on the current practices, the podcast moderators offered a variety of suggestions how the claim towards being a “university” could be better realized. One that stuck out to me was a comprehensive education course followed by discussion after the degrees... something we are already doing at the Minneapolis Valley!

This education system is not by accident. It has taken a lot of time and hard work by our education committee but it has been time well spent. Potential members are increasingly interested in education and discussion of philosophic topics and based on surveys, leave the Craft when these things are not found. While anecdotally retention seems to be up since we have expanded our education program, our overall membership numbers continue to fall. Confronting this decline requires a multifaceted approach, many aspects of which we already have implemented, including an increasing commitment towards education that is based on surveys, strongly endorsed by candidates and viewed as a highlight in their Scottish Rite experience.

But just because we have a good system doesn't mean we can't improve and many suggestions from the podcast would enrich the candidate's experience and might

positively contribute towards the image of being a “university” in freemasonry. What this podcast and other publications bring to light is that we need to be receptive to our member’s expectations and adopt those initiatives that complement their experiences. This takes time, effort and potentially reprioritizing what we currently emphasize as important but the reward will be imminent and substantial. We owe it to future generations of freemasons to expose them to the best wisdom and teachings the Craft has to offer.

M. Justin Thompson, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
Education Chair



DEMOLAY

Gopher Preceptory whose home is the Minneapolis Scottish Rite recently conferred the Legion of Honor on Scottish Rite Brothers Chuck Brust and Terrance Schaffer, all member of the Investiture team are members of the Minneapolis Valley. Pictured are the recipients and Commander in the East Jerry Oliver.

Designed by Dad Land, the Active Legion of Honor is the highest honor conferred by DeMolay International. DeMolay International may confer the Legion of Honor upon a Senior DeMolay, who has attained the age of twenty-five years for outstanding leadership in some field of endeavor, or for success in fraternal life, including adult service to the Order. Like the Chevalier, this honor cannot be applied for, and the nomination is made in secret by either a Chapter or another Legionnaire.

The Minnesota DeMolay 2023 Active Legion of Honor recipient is Chuck Brust

DeMolay International may confer the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor upon a Mason

who is not a Senior DeMolay but has performed the unusual and meritorious service on behalf of the Order, or who has evidenced a spirit of cooperation and appreciation for the Order. Like both the Chevalier and the Active Legion of Honor, the Honorary Legion of Honor may not be applied for, and the nomination is made in secret. The Minnesota DeMolay 2023 Honorary Legion of Honor recipient is: Terrance Schaffer

Announced at the Investiture is that Minnesota DeMolay will be bringing back the Order of Knighthood, it is geared for older active DeMolay and will have Chuck Brust as it's Advisor.

Minnesota DeMolay will be conducting Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees in Honor of our Most Worshipful Grand Master Dayon Berg, Sunday December 3 at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite.

Mark Hailer, 33° I.:G.:H.:

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LEGEND OF THE PILLARS OF ENOCH

Introduction

The legend of the pillars of Enoch tells how Enoch, the seventh patriarch after Adam, and his descendants safeguarded their knowledge of heaven and earth on two pillars, one of brick and one of stone, before the great flood that annihilated most of humanity. The legend has influenced various traditions, such as Hermeticism, Egyptology, and Freemasonry. The legend of the twin pillars reflects the origin, identity, and principles of pre-Grand Lodge Masonry, the period of Freemasonry before the establishment of the first Grand Lodge in London in 1717.

Origin, Sources, and Main Features of the Legend

The origin of the legend can be traced back the Book of Jubilees, which purports to present the history of the world from creation to the Exodus. According to Jubilees 10:13–14, Enoch and his sons imparted the secrets of heaven and earth to their descendants, the children of Noah. To preserve this knowledge for future generations, they built two pillars, one of brick and one of stone, and inscribed their knowledge on each pillar. The purpose of the pillars was to ensure that the knowledge would survive even if one of them was destroyed by a flood or a fire.

The pillars represent a link between the human and the divine, between the natural and the supernatural, and between the past and the future. They symbolize the human aspiration to decipher the mysteries of creation and to transcend the constraints of mortality. Second, they indicate a location where the knowledge was stored and transmitted. Some sources

identify this location as Siriad (possibly Syria or Egypt), where Josephus claimed to have seen one of them himself. Other sources suggest that it was near Mount Moriah in Jerusalem, where King Solomon later built his temple.

The brick pillar was meant to survive a fire, while the stone pillar was meant to survive a flood. Some sources suggest that the brick pillar may have been destroyed by the flood, while the stone pillar remained intact. The writing on the pillars was said to describe various arts and sciences, such as astronomy, mathematics, geometry, writing, metallurgy, magic, and medicine.

The legend of the twin pillars is also in other sources that offer alternate versions or interpretations of it. For example:

The Book of Enoch contains various visions and prophecies attributed to Enoch, who was taken to heaven by God and shown the secrets of creation by the angels. It does not mention the pillars of Enoch explicitly, but it implies that Enoch wrote down his revelations on tablets or books that were passed down to his son Methuselah and later to Noah.

The Antiquities of the Jews is a collection of what is intended to be history by Josephus, a Jewish historian who lived in the first century CE. He wrote that Enoch's descendants were learned men who studied astronomy and mathematics and built two pillars in Siriad with their discoveries. He claimed to have seen one of them firsthand.

The Hermetic tradition is a system of esoteric philosophy that claims to derive from Hermes Trismegistus, a legendary figure who was said to be a fusion of the Greek god Hermes and the Egyptian god Thoth. The Hermetic tradition also includes a legend of how Hermes engraved his wisdom on two pillars, one of marble and one of emerald, before the flood. The emerald pillar was later found by Alexander the Great and translated by his scribes.

Relevance of the Legend to Pre-Grand Lodge Masonry

The legend of the Enochic pillars greatly influenced the development and identity of pre-Grand Lodge Masonry. Pre-Grand Lodge masonry was characterized by the existence of independent lodges of operative and speculative masons, with no central authority or uniformity of ritual. The legend provided a mythical origin for freemasonry, tracing it back to Enoch, who was said to have received divine revelations and preserved them on two pillars. The legend also connected Freemasonry with other ancient traditions and mysteries, such as those of Egypt, Greece, Rome, and Israel, that also used pillars as

sacred objects or monuments.

The legend showed how Enoch and his descendants shared their knowledge with their fellow men and sought to benefit humanity. The legend also illustrated how Enoch and his descendants followed the natural and moral laws of God and nature, as they observed the movements of the heavenly bodies and the seasons of the earth. The legend inspired pre-Grand Lodge Masons to seek knowledge and wisdom. The legend encouraged them to study the secrets of heaven and earth, as well as the arts and sciences that were written on the pillars. The legend also urged them to apply their knowledge and wisdom for the benefit of themselves and others.

Comparison with Jachin and Boaz

The legend of the pillars of Enoch tells of how Enoch and his descendants preserved their knowledge of heaven and earth on two pillars before the flood. The legend has inspired various interpretations and adaptations in different traditions and cultures. The twin pillars of Jachin and Boaz in the Middle Chamber lecture are similar to the Enochic pillars. Both sets of pillars are said to contain knowledge and safeguard it against conflagration and inundation, or more simply, fire and flood. In the story of the Enochic pillars we can see elements of the middle chamber lecture. We can see being carried over from the pre-grand lodge legends that involve the flood, the pillars and Noah, to the modern versions involving King Solomon's temple and Jachin and Boaz. Perhaps, this understanding can serve as an explanation for why the pillars described in the middle chamber lecture are described in so much more detail than in the Bible. Whereas the bible has no mention of them being a place to store the archives of masonry against fire and flood, or being topped with a celestial and terrestrial globe, the legend of the pillars of Enoch provides an explanation. Indeed, a globe of stars and earth would be valuable to a post-flood world and something that would absolutely make sense to include.

Elliott Saxton, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:



Take this kiss upon the brow!
And, in parting from you now,
Thus much let me avow-
You are not wrong, who deem
That my days may have been a
dream;

Yet if hope has flown away
In a night, or in a day,
In a vision, or in none,
Is it therefore the less gone?
All that we see or seem
Is but a dream within a dream.

I stand amid the roar
Of a surf-tormented shore,
And I hold within my hand
Grains of the golden sand -
How few! yet how they creep
Through my fingers to the deep,
While I weep - while I weep!

O God! Can I not grasp
Them with a tigher clasp?
O God! can I not save
One from the pitiless wave?
Is all that we see or seem
But a dream within a dream?

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