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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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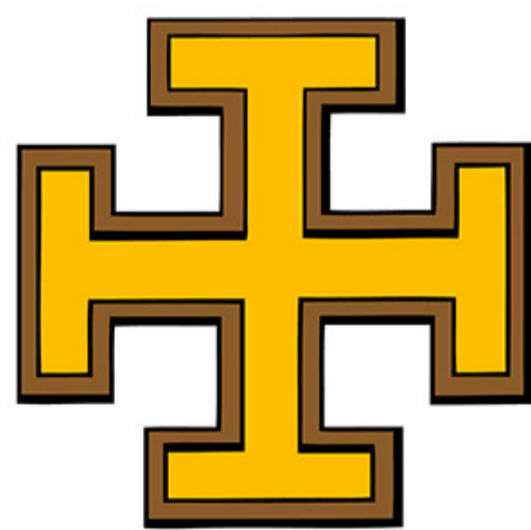
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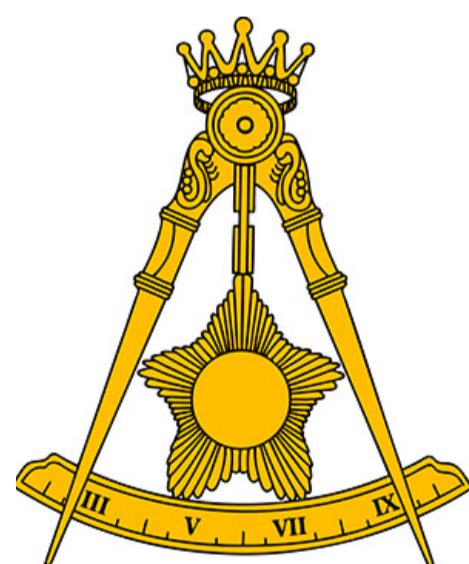
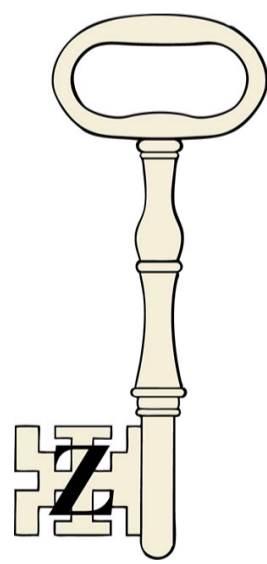
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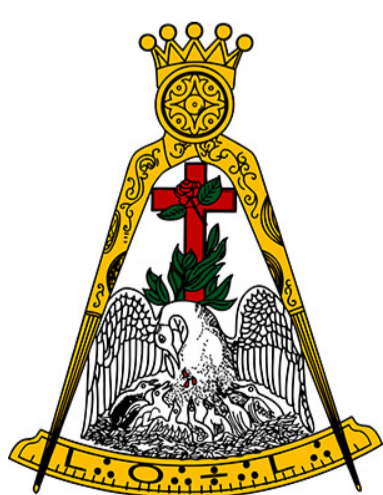
April 7 - Heads of Bodies, Lodge of Perfection, & Chapter Rose Croix Meetings



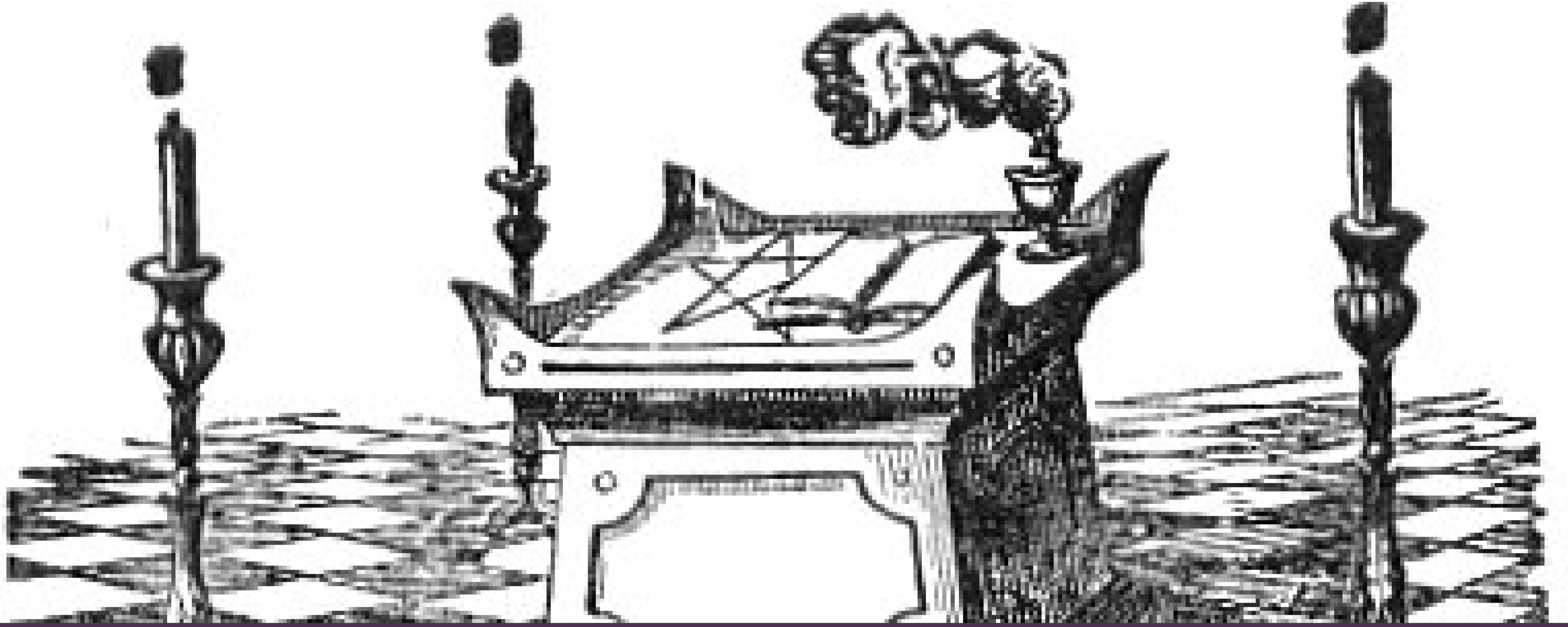
April 9 - 31°



April 23 - Spring Reunion 4° & 14°



April 25 - Spring Reunion 18°, 30°, & 32°



March HOB

The Heads of the Bodies of the Orient of Minnesota, Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite met on March 3, 2026, with representatives from all four bodies in attendance to conduct regular business and committee reports. The meeting opened at 7:37 p.m., approved prior minutes, and received updates from key committees. The Building Committee reported on recent and ongoing facility needs, including a completed fire suppression test, a necessary door repair, and a needed sump pump in the boiler room. Knights of St. Andrew shared updates on upcoming elections, a March Red Room presentation. A request was made for assistance for the May 10 Doors Open event. RiteCare reported a new unified administration for Minneapolis and St. Paul, staffing transitions, participation goals, and a successful March gala event.

Additional discussion focused on membership engagement, use of the building, and planning for upcoming events throughout the year. Concerns were raised about candidates feeling isolated, while Double Eagles were discussed as an underutilized resource better suited for outreach and mentorship than dues collection, with an invitation extended for April. Multiple outside groups and Masonic bodies reported upcoming events, including degrees, performances, and social functions scheduled from May through November. Old business highlighted the need for a revenue-neutral breakdown of the R&R dinner budget, and new business included a proposal for a fall billiards tournament. The meeting concluded at 8:34 p.m. following a brief report from the Personal Representative.

This article was generated with AI based on the March HOB Minutes and verified by the Editor.



Remembrance & Renewal

We held our annual Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal here at the Minneapolis Valley in March. This is one of the Annual Feasts put on by the Chapter of the Rose Croix. It is one of the Required Events by the Supreme Council and in my Humble Opinion the most important of the 4 we have Typically do here in the Valley.

It is an open event, with wives and family members of those departed being invited, of which we had three this night. In all we had just under 80 folks come out to the Ceremony itself, considerably less staying for the Mystic Banquet. The Ceremony itself though longer than we hope for at times. (I say this as one who puts it on each year) it is poignant and touching and is in some ways a final act we do for those Brothers who have gone to the celestial lodge this past year. It is something we will do for you and each member of the Valley and their families when the time comes, which is why this event is one each of us should attend.

I will share some moments of the impact this night has for those family members who come to see their loved ones spoken of and remembered. When the Ceremony was over, and slowly the final guests began to head downstairs for the dinner. One of the families still sat in the front pew, quietly remember their lost Husband and Father. I walked up and sat down to Shari, Brother John Heimkes wife and put my arm around her as she told me how beautiful it all was, and she laid her head on my shoulder and began to weep softly. I held her for a while and told her it was our honor to remember him, but that it is not the last time and we will think of him often. Her son Big John reached out and gave my hand a squeeze. I gently disengaged and left them to finish their time in peace.

Downstairs I was able to sit with another close friend of a passing Brother Ill. Br. Ken Carroll, and was informed that she had never come to this event in the past, though in all

her years of being with this Brother, this one event had eluded her. She expressed how powerful it was to see and thanked all involved and how she was so glad she came but a little sad she had not done so previously. I assured her she would be most welcome in the future to join us.

Lastly, I spoke a few times during the night and most so after all was done with the Mystic Banquet to another Fallen Brothers Widow and their young son. Missy and her son RJ had driven all the way from Illinois to be there. She was so glad to be invited, and her son RJ looked sharp as they rented him a Tux for the night! She could not stop talking about how emotional the Ceremony was and all we had done to make sure she was taken care of and how the Lodge Brothers had come out to be there with her and RJ and talk about his Father Reno. RJ even asked the DeMolay who were serving that night about their group and how he may find out more. (He is 10 years old) Missy even texted me a day later saying how RJ was so impressed with the Powerful way he got to see and hear more about this group of men his father was a part of and how they both felt so cared for.

Brethren, this is a small example of why we do what we do, it is why this ceremony is so important. It is why I hope you will all take the time to consider making it a priority on your calendar going forward in the future each year as we show those Brothers Families that they are not forgotten, as we renew our own commitment to the Valley and Scottish Rite Masonry!

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