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

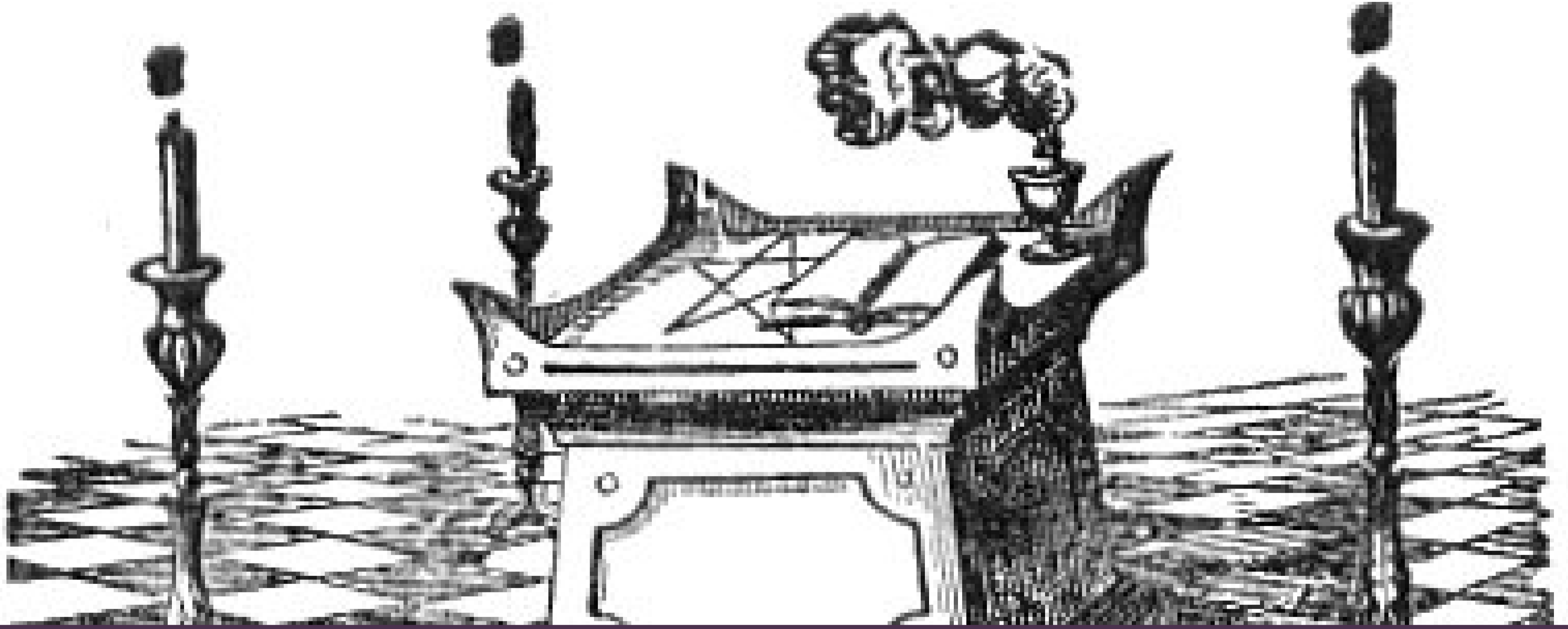
**\*\*Dinners are every Thursday before the degrees. You can RSVP and pay for your meal by [clicking here](#)**

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**COMING TO VISIT?**

**DON'T FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD!**



## MAY HOB

The Heads of the Bodies meeting for the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite on May 5 focused on steady progress across several operational areas. Building updates included the installation of chains at the Hennepin entrance, maintenance work on the water heater, and continued replacement of exit light batteries. Leadership also heard that new officers are now in place within KSA, with plans to expand responsibilities related to the choir, property support, and room setup while also strengthening recruitment efforts. Rite Care reported a successful gala and announced that administrative duties have been transferred to Duluth, with financial responsibilities now handled by Masonic Charities.

The meeting also included several approvals related to building use and property matters. Members approved Cass Lodge's June 6 Entered Apprentice event in the Red Room and granted Job's Daughters a requested date change from June 13 to June 23. Future York Rite dates were also approved for February and March. In new business, the group authorized transferring an extra costume cabinet to York Rite St. Paul, with documentation to be prepared through a bill of sale. The evening closed with thanks from leadership, an update that the SGIG is representing SGC Cole in Istanbul at the European conference, and continued prayers for members in need.

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



## RITUAL CORNER

**G**reetings Scottish Rite Brethren.

On Saturday, April 25 th, 2026, the Minneapolis Valley hosted the final day of our Spring Reunion. What a great day it was, with the opportunity to see the 18th, 30th, and 32nd degrees all in one day. These terminal degrees introduce and explain many concepts from Scottish Rite philosophy. They take you to different times and places, reveal the lost word of Freemasonry, and the Royal Secret of the 32nd degree.

In addition to the degrees, everyone in attendance enjoyed great fellowship with our Scottish Rite Brethren from the entire Minnesota Orient. We were treated to fantastic meals and welcomed the newest Scottish Rite Masters of the Royal Secret to the Minneapolis Valley.

Many things happen behind the scenes to make the Reunion possible. All the committees; Dining Room, Properties, and many more, work hard all day as they do every Thursday from August through May. The Reunion and every Thursday is a great time to meet the heads of the committees and committee members and start to get involved at the Minneapolis Valley. I invite you to join us for the Fall class and help make our great Valley even better through your participation.

At the university of Freemasonry, you can continue your journey toward Masonic Light. Come and enjoy the degrees, the fellowship, the food, the education and learning of Scottish Rite Masonry. I look forward to seeing you there!

Fraternally,

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



## 2026 RITECARE GALA

Some events tiptoe politely into the calendar, and then there are events like the 2026 RiteCare Gala - which burst through the doors of the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center in Eagan, Minnesota, like a beloved relative arriving five minutes early with a casserole and a story. You couldn't help but smile.

The room was packed with a delightful mix of families, donors, and Scottish Rite members from both the Valley of St. Paul and the Valley of Minneapolis - all mingling together with the kind of cheerful energy usually reserved for holiday gatherings where someone has just announced, "The cookies are ready." The atmosphere radiated love, joy, fraternity, and that unmistakable sense of shared purpose that makes you stand a little taller and maybe even behave a little better.

The mission was simple: raise funds for RiteCare of Minneapolis-St. Paul so children with communication challenges could get the support they need. And if the evening had a narrator, he'd probably say something like, "It was the kind of cause that made even the most stoic Minnesotan feel a warm glow - and not just from the coffee."

Then came the auction.

Enter Illustrious Brother Jerry B. Oliver - a man who could probably convince a snowman to buy a space heater. With the confidence of someone who has absolutely never lost a bidding war in his life, Jerry took the command of the floor. Suddenly, the room shifted. People sat up straighter. Wallets trembled. Somewhere, a credit card cleared its throat.

The items were irresistible: Twins tickets that sparked friendly debates about batting averages, a BBQ dinner for twenty that had half the room mentally rearranging their patios, and a guided fishing charter that practically came with the promise of a legendary “big one that got away” story. Under Jerry’s expert coaxing, bids climbed higher than a kid trying to peek at hidden presents.

And the best part? Nothing went wrong. Not a single thing. No runaway auction paddles. No microphone rebellion. No mysterious disappearance of the dessert tray. It was as if the universe itself had RSVP’d “Yes” and decided to behave for the evening.

By the end of the night, the Gala had shattered its previous fundraising record. People left with full hearts, lighter wallets, and the unmistakable satisfaction of knowing they’d been part of something truly meaningful.

Christopher Posel, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:



# DEMOLAY

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### DEMOLAY

Gifts are exchanged throughout the year, with significant emphasis placed on Christmas; however, birthdays and anniversaries are equally valued. We often invest considerable effort in selecting the ideal present for each individual. Ultimately, what constitutes the best gift? The answer may be time—an asset we all possess, yet its quantity remains uncertain as we journey through life. When you give your time to others, its impact cannot easily be quantified but can profoundly influence their lives.

During my visits to Grand Lodge, I have listened to remarks from State Master Councilors that share a recurring theme: they received the gift of DeMolay, meaning someone dedicated time to mentor, guide, advise, and shape the future of a young man in DeMolay. If you are able, offer this gift—it will be appreciated and its effects will be lasting.

Minnesota DeMolay has been actively engaged over the past couple of months. You may have noticed their presence, supporting OES luncheons, attending lodge dinners, and conducting an Arch of Steel ceremony at Grand Lodge. Numerous activities are upcoming, open to attendance by Master Masons. These include prospect events to encourage membership growth, such as movie nights, laser tag outings, a Memorial Weekend featuring degree presentations, caucuses for electing new state leadership, a sweetheart prom held on a boat along the Stillwater River, participation at Acacia Cemetery on Memorial Day followed by a youth picnic. These young men dedicate their time to foster Brotherhood as their foremost gift within the organization.

Mark Hailer, 33° I.:G.:H.:



## DOORS OPEN 2026

On Sunday, May 10 the Minneapolis Valley was once again honored to be a host venue for Open Doors Minneapolis. This is a city-wide weekend event in which buildings that are not normally accessible to the public welcome visitors. Although the city-wide event took place both Saturday and Sunday the Scottish Rite Temple was only open on Sunday. This has been the case for all five years that the Valley has hosted.

The Valley was pleased to see a growth in the number of visitors to 1,069 guests, which is a 34% increase in visitors over 2025. This is one of the highest totals among all participating venues and is a testament to the interest our temple has to the city and especially the neighborhood.

The Valley was well represented with more than thirty brothers and family members on hand to assist our guests inside the building. This included a marked increase in wives and family members on site to assist in hosting duties. While the tours were self-guided these volunteers helped guests and were stationed in many rooms to present information about the building and the work we do here in the Valley.. Our guests took many photos and videos which posted to social media showcasing their favorite rooms. The tours even included tables set-up in the downstairs lounge to offer information about Minnesota Freemasonry, our appendant bodies and opportunities to support our Valley .

This is the fifth time the Minneapolis Valley has hosted visitors for Doors Open Minneapolis. Our guests really enjoyed seeing our amazing building, and the Doors Open personnel were highly impressed both with our building and with how the tours were organized. Based upon our great feedback we are anticipating being asked again in 2027 and being a premiere venue.

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers and our planning committee. We look forward to more opportunities to showcase our building, the Scottish Rite and Freemasonry.

Thomas Walker, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.: