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Scottish Rite Summer Barbeque

In response to a number of requests for Valley events during the summer break, Ill. Jim Burlingame instituted a Summer Barbeque that was held Thursday, July 22nd. It was one of a number of new functions hosted by the Minneapolis Valley to enrich the experience of membership.

The evening started with a BBQ prepared by Doley's crew that was met with rave notices. The meal was followed by an exciting program in the auditorium. SGIG Jerry Oliver led off with a wonderful talk about the relationship between the Orient of Minnesota and Grand Lodge.

The guests then broke up into groups for a tour of the building, where the various committee heads were able to talk about the work of their committees. The guests returned to the auditorium to hear Ill. Dave Kampf speak on the Rose Window and hear a presentation by Ill. Dick McGinnis about the life of Hiram of Tyre.

There were a number of purposes served by this event. It was an opportunity for fellowship. The Valley has become a go-to location for Masonry, and many Brothers miss the fraternal spirit during the off-months. It served the purpose of introducing Master Masons to Scottish Rite Masonry, and especially to our magnificent edifice. Of the 160 guests who attended the event, 48 were not Masters of the Royal Secret. It was evident that the evening was a success, with 17 Master Masons petitioning for the Fall Class. It also was an opportunity for Blue Lodge Masons to bring non-Masonic friends to an event that showed the benefits of membership. It was also an opportunity for the Personal Rep. to show off his new carpeting. It was suggested that guests take their shoes off, but that was finally rejected.

Among the many guests, we were fortunate to have MWB John Cook and several members of Grand Lodge. MW Cook closed the evening with a talk that closely mirrored that of the SGIG, but from a Grand Lodge perspective. Ill. David Kampf, Valley Assistant, was personally responsible for the event. The four Heads of the Bodies, as well as number of the Knights of St. Andrew, Double Eagles and Committee Heads also helped to make the evening a great success!

Mark Hailer 32° KCCH

Commander, Council of Kadosh

Mark Hailer 32° KCCH has been recently elected and installed to serve as Commander of the Council of Kadosh of the Minneapolis Valley. In addition to Commander duties, Mark also serves the Valley as a member on the Sound Committee and was Secretary of the Knights of St Andrew prior to receiving the KCCH. Mark began his Masonic journey when a Lodge in his hometown in California attempted to start a DeMolay Chapter, the attempt failed, but those seeking membership were transferred to a DeMolay Chapter sponsored by a Scottish Rite Body. Men with black, red and white hats served as members of the Advisory Council and established an example of what Masonry was about. Mark served in DeMolay Chapter and Divisional positions earning several honors and awards. Petitioning the Blue Lodge did not occur until a career as a pilot with Northwest Airlines was established. Being raised a Master Mason 60 years to the date of his grandfather was a surprise, until family records were checked, as his grandfather didn't talk much of his Masonic experiences to his grandson. Mark is a member and Past Master of Minnehaha Lodge #165. He has served many offices, is on the Board of Trustees and Scholarship Committee, and last year was award the Hiram Award. He serves as Chairman of the Advisory Council for Hiawatha DeMolay and is currently the Executive Officer for Minnesota DeMolay and Active Member of the DeMolay International Supreme Council and has having received many distinctions while serving in his DeMolay capacity. Mark lives in Rosemount, with his wife Leslie, and is proud to have one of his sons become a member of DeMolay, his Lodge and the Minneapolis Scottish Rite. Mark looks forward to working with the other Heads of the Bodies in preserving the traditions of the Scottish Rite as well as looking to its future!

THE SCOTTISH RITE CREED

*The cause of human progress is our cause,
 the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish,
 the freedom of human conscience our mission,
 and the guarantee of equal rights to all peoples everywhere, the end of our contention.*



In Memoriam

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Council Feast**Saturday, November 20, 2010*****Save the Date!***

The only constant in the Masonic fraternity is change, and we have our changes this fall! The Council Feast of the Council of Kadosh has traditionally been held mid-winter. In order to improve attendance and encourage participation, the officers of the council have moved the feast to November 20, 2010. Additional information will be forthcoming – but save the date and plan now to attend and support the Minneapolis Council of Kadosh and Minnesota Masonic youth!

Plymouth Lodge No. 160
Master Mason Degree

On Saturday, October 23 at 8:00 a.m., Plymouth Lodge #160 will be conferring the Master Mason Degree on our fall class of candidates! We anticipate raising 16 new Master Masons on this day. Due to the size of the class, we sought approval from the Heads of the Bodies to do the work at the Minneapolis Valley, and they have graciously approved our request. We are enlisting the services of the Zuhrah Legion of Honor Degree Team, as well as others, to assist in this degree. This will be a historic day for Plymouth Lodge and Masonry in Minnesota. We appreciate the opportunity to introduce these new Master Masons at the Scottish Rite Temple. Please consider joining us!

For more information on the activities of the day, please see our website at www.plymouth160.org, or check us out on *Facebook!*

Al Niederhaus, 32°

Master, Plymouth Lodge

Calendar of Events*Dinner is served at 5:00 pm Thursday evenings***AUGUST 2010**

26 th	Thursday	4:30 6:30	KSA meeting Fall Class Commences - 4°, 5° & 6°
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2 nd	Thursday	6:00	7°, 8° & 9°
7 th	Tuesday	6:30 7:30	Heads of the Bodies meeting Stated Meeting
9 th	Thursday	6:30	10° & 11° - <i>Women's Club</i>
16 th	Thursday	6:30	12° & 13°
23 rd	Thursday	6:30	14°
25 th	Saturday	5:30 pm	Feast of Tishri 14° Ring Ceremony 50-Year Member - Class Name Recognition <i>Open Event</i>
30 th	Thursday	4:30 6:00	KSA meeting 15° & 16°

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5 th	Tuesday	6:30 7:30	Heads of the Bodies meeting Stated Meeting
7 th	Thursday	6:00	17° & 18°
14 th	Thursday	6:30	19° & 20° - <i>Women's Club</i>
21 st	Thursday	6:30	21° & 22°
28 th	Thursday	4:30 6:30	KSA meeting 23° & 24°

Feast of Tishri

Please join the Lodge of Perfection Officers in celebrating the Feast of Tishri! Also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, this is one of two Memorial Ceremonies that are required by the Supreme Council. Our event will take place on Saturday, September 25th. Social time will begin at 5:30 pm, dinner will be served at 6:15 pm, with the 14th Degree Ring Ceremony to follow.

As in years past, 50-Year Membership Awards will be given, and presentations of the Spring and Fall Candidates Class names will be made.

Unite with us and the newest recipients of 14th Degree as they receive their rings and thereby complete the Degree of Perfect Elu!

Please submit your REQUIRED dinner reservations to the Valley Office NO LATER THAN September 16th. Stop by, call 612-871-1500, or eMail your reservation to office@scottish-rite-mpls.org. We are looking forward to seeing you!

RiteCare® Clinic News

Dear Members,

It's difficult for me to believe that I have now finished my 3rd year as the director of the *RiteCare* Clinic. I look back at the many exciting changes and developments over the past few years and it seems to me that it should have taken much longer for them to occur!

Throughout the last year, my philosophy has been to find ways to do more for families, while holding spending to a minimum. I wanted to be able to assure the board that we were being wise stewards of the resources at hand. I am pleased to report that we were able to hold the spending at the clinic to a minimum, coming in 33% below budgeted projections. This was accomplished by deferring some purchases that were deemed "helpful but not essential", substituting lower cost items when appropriate, and utilizing components of computers currently not being used due to staff reductions. Given the continued economic pressures, I want to assure the board that I will continue to look for ways to be fiscally frugal, without impacting the quality of services we provide to children.

I'm excited by the creativity that Kristy, Laura, and I have used to improve and expand our services to children and their families. The challenge of providing as much service as possible to those children on the waiting list has led to the formation of social skills groups, new parent training programs, and soon the implementation of language groups for toddlers.

I hope that the achievements of the children here at the clinic stand as testimony to the hard work, dedication, and determination of each of you. I know this last year has been challenging for you, and that the upcoming year may present even more. I want to thank you! Without your efforts, we could not do our jobs. Without your hard work, I would not get to hear my friend Max go from "you know dumdin, tay? I din Odit it weely too!" to "you know sumpting, Kay? I sink Otis is really cool!" We're not there yet, but Max is closer to graduating today than last year!

Kay Guelfi, Clinic Director

2010 Fall Class

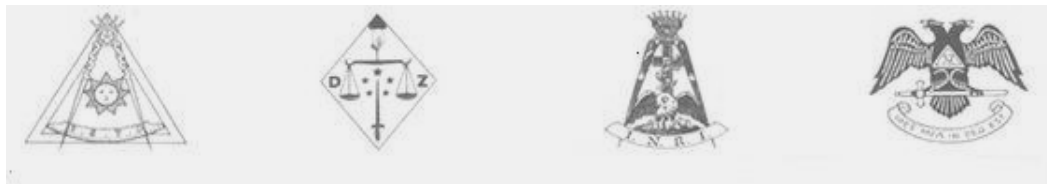
Thursday, August 25, 2010 provided the capstone for a successful year at the Minneapolis Valley when a Fall Class of 27 new Master Masons began their journey towards becoming Masters of the Royal Secret.

Representing 15 different Lodges in the Metro area, these Master Masons will spend Thursday evenings for the next four months working towards attaining "Further Light in Masonry".

Unique in the Southern Jurisdiction, the Minneapolis Valley does two long-form classes each year that include all twenty-nine Scottish Rite Degrees. We also do a One-day class in the spring for those Brothers who are unable, for whatever reason, to attend the Long-form classes.

Putting on 62 degrees is certainly a labor of love! These memorable degrees could not be possibly achieved without the cooperation of many committees under the direction of Mike Dunn, Director of Ritual for the Valley. There are over 300 acting roles, combined with lighting, props, sound and choir, along with several other important off-stage committees. Some nights in some of the more elaborate degrees, there are fifty to seventy Brothers at work!

This gentle hint is to let you know that if you are interested in getting involved, speak to Secretary Mark Campbell or Ritual Director Mike Dunn, and they will get your request to the right person. Thespian or off-stage, there is a job for you at your Minneapolis Scottish Rite Valley!



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Remember the Almoner and His Works

The Minneapolis Almoner works quietly and generally confidentially. He does so in your name. Recently, he made a contribution to help our brethren who have been devastated by the floods in Nashville. In response to that assistance, we received the following letter:

Brethren,

It is with gracious gratitude that we acknowledge the generous gift from your Almoner to the Valley of Nashville to help aid and assist the families affected by the recent disaster caused by the flooding of our city. Nashville suffered flooding once before back in the 1930's when it reached the 100 year flood plain. The flood of 2010 is said to have reached a 500 year flood plain. It happened so quickly that we could not prepare, but only react. Many of our members lost their homes and possessions. One of our members and his wife lost their lives, and we are greatly saddened.

Our membership rose to the call and assisted not only each other, but also anyone in need, by helping remove drywall and ruined debris. We freely gave from our Almoners Fund to any victim in need. Your contribution will be disbursed into the neighborhood to those in need without regard to race, creed, politics, religion or Masonic affiliation. We truly thank you for your support and display of Brotherly Love!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Dan H. Jones, 33°

Secretary, Valley of Nashville

Brethren of the Minneapolis Valley, your efforts have been recognized. Please remember the Almoner when you visit, when you make your contributions, and anytime you are favored or enjoy God's bounty!