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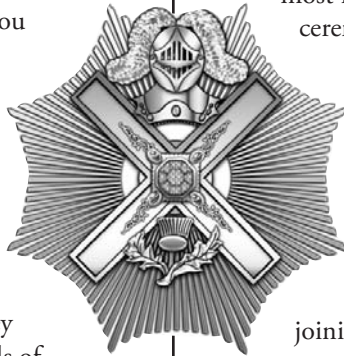
Saint Andrews Knighting!

Brothers,

How often do we get to see a live open knighting? Never you say? Well, the St. Paul Valley Knights of St. Andrew will be knighting several of our fellow Scottish Rite Brothers into their dedicated order.

The Knights of St. Andrew is a service organization within the Valley dedicated to serving the needs of the Valley. They have adopted several projects over the last few years that have helped beautify and improve our building. The outdoor landscaping, the carpet replacement, and lately the upgrade of our first aid kits are just a few of those projects. They approach all their undertakings with dedication and zeal. The Knighting Ceremony is no different.

The St. Paul Valley K.S.A. Knighting



Ceremony is highly regarded as one of the most impressive induction ceremonies in the Orient of Minnesota. Many Brothers from other Valleys have come to witness this auspicious event.

The Knighting is open to all the Brethren and their guests. If you have anyone that is interested in joining the Scottish Rite, this is a great event for them to attend. It is also a great event to bring our Ladies to see what we love about the Rite. They will get to witness a fantastically crafted ritual with great symbolism.

Please join us in receiving our Brethren into this fantastic order on January 4th, 2012.

*Vere Fraters,
Bro. Sean Gardiner, 32
Excellent Master*

St. Paul Valley Knights of St. Andrew



Chester Affolter received a plaque commemorating his 10 years of service as treasurer to the Valley of St. Paul Scottish Rite from Secretary Bruce Sherman.

Actual Past Master's Convocation

The St. Paul Valley of the Scottish Rite, and the Metro East Masonic Association invite all current Masters and Past Masters to the Actual Past Master's Degree. It will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at the St. Paul Masonic Center. Breakfast will be served at 8:15 a.m. and the Actual Past Master Convocation will begin immediately thereafter. There is a \$5.00 charge for breakfast, but candidates are free.

While not an actual Masonic Degree and not recognized as such by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, significant useful

instruction and fellowship will take place at this event. Outstanding Metro East Masonic leaders, including W.B. Dayton Berg, Metro East Area Deputy will serve in the convocation ceremonies. This promises to be an interesting and fun morning for all of the participants. Please note that the event is open only to Past Masters and sitting Masters.

Contact WB Bruce Sherman, 330, St. Paul Scottish Rite Executive Secretary at phone 651-222-2676 or email: stpaulsr@visi.com to make your reservation.

The Mission of the Scottish Rite

To improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the Principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity and Truth, while actively embracing high social, moral and spiritual values, including fellowship, compassion and dedication to God, family and country.

18th Degree Knight of the Rose Croix

Hello Brothers.

Now that the Holiday season is past, we can all begin to return to a more normal and oftentimes a more comfortable routine. For many of us that means Wednesday nights at the Scottish Rite.

One of the most interesting degrees of the Scottish Rite is fast approaching. On January 18th we will be presenting the 18th° Knight of the Rose Croix. The Brothers of the Rose Croix line have been working hard to prepare a most excellent and engaging presentation of that very unique degree, which brings all of the members of the class, and I dare say the audience as well, more fully into the mysteries and the storyline of the degree.

The Chapter, or Rose Croix Degrees, are often referred to as the Historical and Religious Degrees, and cover the time period from the destruction of King Solomon's Temple in 588 B.C. through the writing of the Book of Revelation around 100 A.D.

Likewise the storyline of the 18th° begins with the Wise Master's first sad pronouncement. *"All our temples are demolished, our working tools are broken and our columns cast down and shattered."* An obvious parallel with the fate of King Solomon's Temple, and then

the Second Temple and ultimately the Third Temple in Jerusalem. *"All our temples are demolished."* In the chaos and confusion, in the disasters of the destructions through the millennia, even the Sacred Word is lost. The Word, which reveals God in Nature and binds man to the Deity. In this first scene all is doom and gloom with no end in sight, until a good young Knight of the East and West steps up and agrees to go in search of the lost Word.

With the aid of a new friend he searches East and South and West and North. The very heavens open up and the constellations point the way. He learns the lessons of Faith and Hope and Charity, but he is not yet successful in finding the lost Word. So, he takes a solemn vow to continue and a sacred obligation to the order.

Then the Brothers set forth again in the darkness in search of the Lost Word. The young Knight is led to a place of darkness and horror where all hell breaks loose for him. He is instructed that the flames symbolize the passions that infest the hearts of men - ambition, lust, anger, envy, and the like. These he renounces and he turns his back and moves on.

Can you see it in your mind's eye? Do you remember the first time you saw that

scene, or the last time? Do you want to experience that feeling again? Please join us on the 18th of January and we can all revisit that scene together. Watch as the young Knight sees revealed in luminous letters, *"The keys that shall unlock the gates of the temple of true philosophy, and explain the mighty enigma of existence."*

Until then, I remain your Fraternal Brother.

Todd R. Henderson, 32° K.C.C.H.

*Wise Master,
Chapter Rose Croix*



18° - Knight Rose Croix This degree emphasizes that life and its strength come from God. The rose signifies the dawn and the cross is a sacred symbol of antiquity in many cultures. One is also taught to be tolerant of other's errors and faults. The apron is of white leather or satin, bordered in red, with a skull and cross-bones, a red passion cross and three red rosettes. The grand jewel is a gold compass open a quarter circle. A rose-cross is between the legs of the compass and under it is a pelican, tearing its breast to feed its seven young on the obverse and an eagle with wings extended on the reverse. On the circle are the letters I.N.R.I. The duties are to practice virtue; to labor to eliminate vice; to purify humanity; to be tolerant of the faith and creed of others.

*from the Scottish Rite website
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Patrick McCarthy receiving his black hat and ring from Jerry Johnson while Scott Paulson looks on.

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.

The guarantee of equal rights to all peoples everywhere the end of our contention.

100th Anniversary at the House of the Temple

On Tuesday, October 18, 2011, the House of the Temple celebrated its 100-year anniversary of the cornerstone laying. It was conducted according to ancient custom by members of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, assisted by officers from the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Grand Lodge of Maryland. They performed the ritual of testing the stone with the jewels of their offices. Sovereign Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale honored the memory of our forefathers that assembled in 1911 to lay the original cornerstone as Brethren reenacted the laying of the cornerstone in 2011.

The trowel and gavel used in the ceremony were those used by George Washington to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol on September 18, 1793. The Bible was that used in the funeral of George Washington.

As the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry quickly approaches the centennial of the headquarters opening, we are pleased to announce the launch of the Rebuilding the Temple campaign. While still a site to behold, the House of the Temple has had few structural improvements since its completion, and it is our duty to prioritize



the preservation and promotion of our headquarters in Washington, D.C. for our Masonic brethren and the general public. Essential projects include structural rehabilitation, accessibility and safety, preservation and education, and an endowment for future maintenance.



FEAST OF TISHRI



Warren White and Elizabeth Ekholm



Mark Dreyer



Jan and Art Lingo



Left: Jerry Launderville, Jack Morehouse, Bob and Carol Golder



Right: Jerry Payne and Peter Ekholm.



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In Memoriam

Passed within the Unseen Temple they have not died: They have but quietly passed from mortal contact with those who held their hand in fraternal love; they have but changed the shadows for the Light. To them, as it will be to all, the grave was but a portal to a fuller life – the entrance to the Divine Chapter where, with HIM who is symbolized by the Rosy Cross, there is joy and peace forever. So Mote It Be.



Reported Since Our Last Publication

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Date</u>
George A Hoff	Garnet 166	May 25, 2011
Thomas P. Stochl	Tusler-Summit 263	August 15, 2011
Arthur J. Rentmeester		September 6, 2011
Dennis E. Phelps	Ancient Landmark 5	October 9, 2011
Edward Pekarik		October 19, 2011
Arnold W. Moen		November 6, 2011

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Valley of St. Paul — Calendar of Events

Stated Meetings @ 7:00 p.m.

**Dinners are served @ 6:00 prior to all Stated Meetings.*

Discussions at 7:00 p.m. or following Stated Meeting.

JANUARY

4*	Wednesday	6:00 PM	KSA Feast of St. Andrews & Knighting Ceremony
9	Monday	6:00 PM	HOB Meeting
11*	Wednesday	5:30 PM	Master Craftsmen Study Group
		7:00 PM	Stated Meeting
		8:00 PM	KSA Meeting Following Stated Meeting
14*	Saturday	8:15 AM	Actual Past Masters Breakfast & Degree with St. Paul Masters & Wardens Association
18*	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Confer 18°; Communicate 15th, 16th, 17th Degrees

21 Saturday 7:30 AM Grand Lodge One-Day

25* Wednesday 6:00 PM Confer 19° / 20°

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1*	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Confer 21°
6	Monday	6:00 PM	HOB Meeting
8*	Wednesday	5:30 PM	Master Craftsmen Study Group
		7:00 PM	Stated Meeting
		8:00 PM	KSA Meeting Following Stated Meeting
		8:00 PM	25th Degree Rehearsal
15*	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Confer 22°
22*	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Confer 25° Communicate 23rd, 24th
29*	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Feast Of Council