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Knightsword

January proved to be a very busy month for the Knights of Saint Andrew. On the 6th of January, we enrolled into our ranks, three new members. Brothers Barnes Sharitt, Marc Cooley and Bruce Scott were inducted in the Knighting Ceremony, the culmination of the evening which began with the Feast of Saint Andrew.

The Feast was a culinary delight, crafted by Brother Doley Daigle and his Southern Catering crew. Beef kabobs and toasted shrimp made up the entrée and cheesy potatoes and a vegetable medley rounded out the menu. During the dinner we had several toasts and a presentation of the Saint Andrew's Award to EM Drew Bjorklund. Humbled by the honor, EM Drew gave tribute to the previous winners of the distinction, Brothers Austin Harris and Len Hislop.

Brother John Davenport lead the assembly into the Ceremony by means of his bagpipes, setting the tone for the event and ensuring that all were welcomed into the Lodge room in style. At the conclusion of the Ceremony, he "filled the room with his air", bringing us back to the dining room for cake and coffee.

Thanks you to all who attended. Thank you to all who participated. It was truly an eventful evening and the Knights are most grateful for your support.

The Knights have been collecting donations for the renovation of the large lodge room altar for the better part of January and managed to raise

roughly \$900 so far. At the time of this writing, the altar is off-campus having the upholstered portions re-padded and upholstered. The wood base is being cleaned and repaired by several SR Masons and the hope is that by the first week in February, the altar will be completely rehabilitated.

February will mark the kick-off for the large lodge room carpet fundraiser, which is being spearheaded by the KSA on behalf of the MTA. We are seeking donations in terms of square yards of carpet. We will be "selling" a square yard of carpet for \$30 and the progress of the fundraiser will be charted in a perspective drawing of the lodge room and squares of carpet shown on the floor. More details will be forthcoming.

The KSA is an organization dedicated to serve the Saint Paul Valley and to enrich the experience of the Scottish Rite for each of its members. We are guided by the nine knightly virtues of a Knight of Saint Andrew and are open to receiving new members; the only stipulations are that the Brother must be a member in good standing of the Saint Paul Valley and is a "Black Hat" member. If you are interested in membership, please contact Brother Drew Bjorklund by phone (651-644-8704) or by email (dcbjork_arch@hotmail.com).

Bro. Drew Bjorklund 32°
Excellent Master, KSA

Master Craftsman Program

By Brother Austin Harris, 32°
K.:C.:C.:H.:

St Paul Valley can be proud of the leadership of our valley representative of the SGIG for Minnesota. Jerry Johnson 33° has shown the true depth of his commitment to Scottish Rite Masonry by completing all the exams to become our first brother to achieve the Master Craftsman honor. His comments on receiving this award are the reason for the program. He said that he enjoyed the opportunity to learn many new things about our craft, and to revisit valuable lessons learned before.

Both new and experienced Brothers like Jerry will find The Master Craftsman studies provide a unique opportunity to realize in greater depth the status of our rite as The College of Freemasonry. The studies will increase understanding of the lessons and history of our craft.

All members of the valley are encouraged to enroll and complete the studies at their own pace. At 5:00pm on the second Wednesday of the month anyone desiring to discuss the program will find us meeting in the library. We brake for dinner and the stated meeting at 6 and if desired can continue until 9 after the stated meeting. Mastering a craft is a long process of learning how to use the tools of the craft. Please join us in the effort.



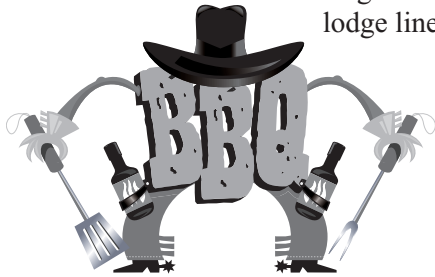
Spring Valley BBQ

Tradition Prevailing come meet the 2010 Grand Master of Minnesota and his Grand line.

**St Paul Valley Consistory Prior
Bro. John Cook, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:**

**April 28th 2010 at the St. Paul
Valley Scottish Rite Southern Style
Barbeque**

Brothers, Save the date and plan on a wonderful opportunity to get together with your Valley brethren, as well as a perfect opportunity to invite a non-mason or introduce a non Scottish rite mason to our beloved St. Paul Valley and the grand lodge line!



Southern Style Barbeque is on the menu and Wednesday April 28th 2010 is the date. 5:30 p.m. is the time, Location will be at own St. Paul Masonic Center.

The cost per brother will be a great value at only \$10 but don't forget all non-Scottish Rite Masons and prospective brothers are free. See you at the Southern Style Barbeque! Make your reservations with Bro. Bruce Sherman, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.: at 651-222-2676. Bro. Doley Daigle, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.: is doing the cooking and promises outstanding food and ample quantities of it! Look forward to seeing you there!!



The Union of 1813

At one time two conflicting Grand Lodge Bodies were in existence in England. One, known as the Grand Lodge of England, originally with four old Lodges assembling at London on June 24, 1717. This Lodge we will designate as the Grand Lodge of the

Moderns, that being the name by which they were known during the famous controversy, in spite of the fact that they were in existence long before the other competitor. There as on for the designation Modern in this instance is that parts of their ritual and ceremony had been modified or changed, as time went on, from the ancient workings of the Freemasons. The other Lodge, while of more recent establishment, became known as the Grand Lodge of the Ancient because they claimed that their ceremonies had come down from the ancient or Operative Lodges without change.

This Grand Lodge of the Ancient was also known as of Atholl Masons, it having been headed by Lord Atholl. They elected their first Grand Master on December 5, 1753, their membership at that time consisting largely of Irish Freemasons then resident in London. This Ancient Grand Lodge became strong as time went on. The Grand Lodge of the Moderns was weakened by dissension within its own ranks between the Operative and Speculative Lodges, some of whom joined the opposing Grand Lodge of the Ancient. The famous Laurence Dermott was for many years the head of the Ancient. Dermott was selected Grand Secretary of the Ancient February 5, 1752. After much conflict between the Ancient and Moderns a Union was consummated, the Articles of Union being signed November 25, 1813, by the Dukes of Sussex and Kent, the Grand Masters of the two Lodges. Later, December 27, 1813, the Act of Union confirmed this agreement at a joint meeting of the two Lodges and the present United Grand Lodge of England came into existence.

Don't forget to take a look at the new and improved Grand Lodge Web Site at:

www.mn-masons.org

We believe you'll like what you see.

Announcing Weekly Happenings

Bro. Bruce Sherman, 320 KCCH, Valley Executive Secretary has begun publishing Valley Happenings, a weekly email distribution to the Valley members and other interested individuals. This publication is designed to present, in a graphically pleasing and easy-to-read format, update information on Valley events being held in the near future. There is also a quick link to the Valley website in case you need further information such as schedules, petitions, event flyers, etc. You are invited to send an email to Bro. Sherman if you are not currently receiving Valley Happenings and he will be glad to add you to the email distribution. If you know of potential members who would benefit from receiving this information, please pass on their names and email addresses to Bro. Sherman at stpaulsr@visi.com.



A Personal Invitation to Attend the 158th Installation of Grand Lodge Officers

My brothers sisters and friends, I invite you to attend the public 158th Installation of Grand Lodge Officers.

There will be a FREE bus leaving from Tusler Summit Lodge 1321 West County Road B2 Roseville, MN. There is limited seating, call now and make your reservation with the Master of the Lodge Jason Mosher at 952-452-1332 or email him at: Jason.f.mosher@gmail.com I look forward to seeing you there, it will be a great moment for the great state of Minnesota as well as the Masons of Minnesota.

John L. Cook Jr.
Deputy Grand Master



Freemasons Network



The "Freemason Network" is a new service available only to Freemasons. Funded by the WSB Club, the Network is a new, innovative communication tool for the Fraternity, and you can sign up today at no cost! With this site, participants can learn about the Craft, track their Masonic duties and activities, keep in touch with Brothers, and more.

The Freemason Network has been tested and is ready. To sign up for membership, go to <http://www.freemasonnetwork.net>. Once your membership has been approved, take full advantage of all of its many opportunities.

ALLEGIANCE

The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of St. Paul, Orient of Minnesota, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, (Mother Council of the World), of the Inspectors General Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, (whose See is at Charleston in the State of South Carolina), now sitting at Washington D.C. and to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council in Minnesota, Ill. Jerry B. Oliver.

Twenty-second Degree

For the first time in many years, the Twenty-second Degree, Knight of the Royal Axe and Prince of Libanus was conferred by the St. Paul Valley. This Degree was organized by Ill. Bro. Larry Wert, 330 and he assembled a Degree Tableau consisting of several Garnet Lodge brothers who are members of the Valley.

The degree is an interesting application of speculative and operative Masonic principles. The setting is in a workshop where the carpenters use the saw, plane and axe as a means to demonstrate and test proficiency of the candidate in their operative applications. At the same time the candidate is instructed in the important speculative Masonic applications of these same tools.

The brothers of Garnet Lodge indicated that they enjoyed getting together to learn the work and confer the Degree. Garnet Lodge brothers who were Tableau members included: Fred Herring, Ken Arehart, Jerry Launderville, Larry Gold, Bob Golder, Mark Sandstrom, Joe Tebbe and Jerry Johnson. Other workmen of the cast included: Art Lingo, Barnes Sharitt and Joe Amos.

There are other opportunities for lodges to sponsor the conferral of degrees. If your lodge is interested in participating in this activity, please contact Jerry Johnson, Brent Metcalf or Bruce Sherman.

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Membership

Adding members to the St. Paul Valley roster is a key element of our future. We note that many new Masons have been raised in our lodges these past few years and they are likely interested in obtaining further Light in Masonry such as that offered by the Scottish Rite. Take it upon yourself to act as an ambassador of the Valley and present them with a petition for membership. Petitions can be obtained at our website at http://www.scottish-rite-mn.org/stpaul/sp_membership.htm

Many of our Masonic brothers have busy schedules which do not allow them to attend long classes which begin in the fall and end in the spring. To meet their needs we have again scheduled a spring Scottish Rite Reunion which will be held on Friday, May 14 and Saturday May 15. Now is the time to obtain petitions so they can be acted upon in time for the Reunion.

As schedules permit these busy brothers can attend future degree conferrals that they have missed, participate in our Feasts and other gatherings, and attend discussions to learn more about the Degrees and how the teachings apply to today's world.

If you need more information, please contact Bro. Bruce Sherman, 320 KCCH at 651.222.2676.

Masonic Smiles

Q: How many Masons does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Three. One to screw it in, one to read the minutes of the previous light bulb replacement, and one to sit on the sidelines and complain that this wasn't the way they USED to screw in light bulbs.



St. Paul Valley Scottish Rite 2010/2011 Calendar of Events

2010

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| August | 30 | Monday | 6:00 PM | HOB Meeting (September HOB Due To Holiday) |
| September | 1 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Double Eagle Meeting |
| | 8* | Wednesday | 5:00 PM | Master Craftsmen Study Group |
| | | | 7:00 PM | Stated Meeting |
| | | | | KSA Meeting Following Stated Meeting |
| | 15 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Valley Recognition (per discussion) |
| | 22 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | 4th Degree Rehearsal |
| | 29 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | 7 th & 8 th Degree Rehearsal |
| October | 4 | Monday | 6:00 PM | HOB Meeting |
| | 6* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Confer 4° |
| | 13* | Wednesday | 5:00 PM | Master Craftsmen Study Group |
| | | | 7:00 PM | Stated Meeting |
| | | | | KSA Meeting Following Stated Meeting |
| | | | | 9th & 10 Degree Rehearsal, following stated meeting |
| | 20* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Feast Of Tishri - Speaker |
| | 27* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Confer 7° & 8° |
| November | 1 | Monday | 6:00 PM | HOB Meeting |
| | 3* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Confer 9° 10° |
| | 10* | Wednesday | 5:00 PM | Master Craftsmen |
| | | | 7:00 PM | Stated Meeting (Veterans Day -1) |
| | | | | KSA Meeting Following Stated Meeting |
| | 17 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | 14th Degree Rehearsal |
| | 24 | Wednesday | Dark | Thanksgiving Eve |
| December | 1* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Confer 12°, Communicate 13 |
| | 6 | Monday | 6:00 PM | HOB Meeting |
| | 8* | Wednesday | 5:00 PM | Master Craftsmen |
| | | | 7:00 PM | Stated Meeting |
| | | | | KSA Meeting |
| | | | | KSA Knighting Ceremony Rehearsal |
| | 15* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Confer 14° |
| | 22 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | 18th Degree Rehearsal |
| | 29 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Double Eagle Pot Luck |

2011

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|-------------------------|-----|------------------|----------------|---|
| January Ceremony | 5* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | KSA Feast of St. Andrews & Knighting |
| | 8* | Saturday | 8:15 AM | Actual Past Masters Breakfast & Degree With St. Paul Masters & Wardens Association |
| | 10 | Monday | 6:00 PM | HOB Meeting |
| | 12* | Wednesday | 5:00 PM | Master Craftsmen Study Group |
| | | | 7:00 PM | Stated Meeting |
| | | | 5:00 PM | 19th Degree Rehearsal |
| | | | | KSA Meeting Following Stated Meeting |
| | 19* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Confer 18° |
| | 26* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Confer 19° / 20° |

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2011

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|-----------------|------------------------|------------------|---|--|
| February | 2* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Confer 22° |
| | 7 | Monday | 6:00 PM | HOB Meeting |
| | 9* | Wednesday | 5:00 PM | Master Craftsmen Study Group |
| | | | 7:00 PM | Stated Meeting |
| | 16 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | KSA Meeting Following Stated Meeting 25th Degree Rehearsal |
| 23* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Feast Of Council | |
| March | 2* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Confer 25° |
| | 7 | Monday | 6:00 PM | HOB Meeting |
| | 9 | Wednesday | Dark | Ash Wednesday |
| | 16* | Wednesday | 5:00 PM | Master Craftsmen Study Group |
| | | | 7:00 PM | Stated Meeting |
| 23* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | KSA Meeting Following Stated Meeting 29th Degree Rehearsal Confer 29° | |
| 25&26 | Friday/Saturday | | Grand Lodge Annual Communication, St. Cloud | |
| 30 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | 30th Degree Rehearsal | |
| April | 4 | Monday | 6:00 PM | HOB Meeting |
| | 6 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | 31st Degree Rehearsal |
| | | | 7:30 PM | Double Eagle Orientation |
| | 13* | Wednesday | 5:00 PM | Master Craftsmen Study Group |
| | | | 7:00 PM | Stated Meeting |
| 20* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | 14th Degree Rehearsal Following Stated Meeting KSA Meeting Following Stated Meeting Confer 30° | |
| 27* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Masonic Texas-Style Barbeque | |
| May | 2 | Monday | 6:00 PM | HOB Meeting |
| | 4* | Wednesday | 7:00 PM | Confer 31° Degree |
| | 11* | Wednesday | 5:00 PM | Master Craftsmen Study Group |
| | | | 7:00 PM | Stated Meeting |
| | 18 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | 32nd Degree Rehearsal Following Stated Meeting KSA Meeting Following Stated Meeting Remembrance & Renewal Rehearsal |
| 20* | Friday | 6:00 PM | Friday - Spring Reunion 4° & 14° | |
| 21* | Saturday | 7:30 AM | Saturday – Spring Reunion 18°, 30°, 32° | |
| 25* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Remembrance & Renewal Program | |
| June | 6 | Monday | 6:00 PM | HOB Meeting |
| | 8* | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Master Craftsmen Study Group |
| 7:00 PM | | | Stated Meeting & Chapter Rose Croix Biennial | |

Dinners Noted With an * Following Date

All Dinners Begin At 6:00 PM Unless Otherwise Noted

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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 be 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> |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Lawrence P. Johnson | Garnett 166 | June 24, 2009 |
| Martin L. Kind | Star in the West 60 | June 24, 2009 |
| Stanley R. Boche | Mizpah 191 | August 29, 2009 |
| Richard W. McNary | North Star 23 | September 25, 2009 |
| Carl A. Steinwall | | October 6, 2009 |
| George R. Johnson | Mizpah 191 | October 8, 2009 |
| Carl G. Swanson | | October 10, 2009 |
| Alan K. Ruvelson Sr. | | October 23, 2009 |
| Reuben Kaplan | Macalester 290 | November 3, 2009 |
| Harold M. Ibach | Albert Pike 303 KS. | November 8, 2009 |
| Samuel F. Stelzig | | November 16, 2009 |
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| Robert J. Johnson | | January 12, 2010 |

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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.*

MARCH 2010

1st – Monday 6:00 PM HOB Meeting
3rd* – Wednesday 6:00 PM Confer 25°
10th* – Wednesday 5:00 PM Master
Craftsmen. 6:00 PM Stated
Meeting. KSA Meeting
Following Stated Meeting.
29th Degree Rehearsal
17th – Wednesday 6:00 PM 29th Degree
Rehearsal
24th* – Wednesday 6:00 PM Confer 29°
26&27 – Friday/Saturday Grand Lodge
Annual Communication,
St. Cloud
31st – Wednesday 6:00 PM 30th Degree
Rehearsal

FEBRUARY 2010

5th – Monday 6:00 PM HOB Meeting
7:00 PM 31st Degree Rehearsal
7th – Wednesday 7:30 PM Double Eagle
Orientation
14th* – Wednesday 5:00 PM Master
Craftsmen. 6:00 PM Stated
Meeting. 14th Degree Rehearsal
Following Stated Meeting. KSA
Meeting Following Stated Meeting
21st* – Wednesday 6:00 PM Confer 30°
28th* – Wednesday 6:00 PM Masonic
Texas-Style Barbeque