



# THE WICHITA SCOTTISH RITE DOUBLE EAGLE

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## HAPPY NEW...2015

### Schedule of Events

Be sure to mark your calendar

### January 2015

- Jan 1 & 2 Office Closed for New Year's Holiday
- Jan 6 Coffee & Donuts-----8:00am - 9:30am
- Jan 6 Elmo Lodge of Perfection -----7:00pm  
(No Dinner this month)
- Jan 7 Knights of St. Andrew Meeting-----7:00pm
- Jan 10 Rainbow Girls Fundraiser-----4:00pm - 7:00pm  
(Chicken & Noddle Dinner)
- Jan 13 Coffee & Donuts -----8:00am - 9:30am
- Jan 14 Chamber of Commerce  
"Sunrise Scrambler" -----7:30am - 9:00am
- Jan 15-19 Forum Theatre Presents  
"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"  
(See [www.ForumWichita.com](http://www.ForumWichita.com)  
or call (316) 618-0444 for details)
- Jan 20 Coffee & Donuts -----8:00am - 9:30am
- Jan 22 Go Wichita Tradeshow -----11:00am - 1:00pm
- Jan 27 Coffee & Donuts -----8:00am - 9:30am
- Jan 31 Signature Theatre  
is presenting a Scottish Rite Fundraiser!  
A Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre  
watch for details!

### February

- Feb 3 Coffee & Donuts-----8:00am - 9:30am
- Feb 3 Elmo Lodge of Perfection -----7:00pm  
Pot Luck Dinner -----6:00pm
- Feb 4 Knights of St. Andrew Meeting-----7:00pm
- Feb 7 American Rose Theatre Performance
- Feb 10 Coffee & Donuts -----8:00am - 9:30am
- Feb 14 St. Valentine's Day
- Feb 15 Alzheimer's Assoc. Fundraiser-----6:00pm - 9:00pm  
"Sweet Memories" Dinner & Auction
- Feb 17 Coffee & Donuts-----8:00am - 9:30am
- Feb 19-21 Forum Theatre Presents  
"Route 66" (1<sup>st</sup> Week)  
(See [www.ForumWichita.com](http://www.ForumWichita.com)  
or call (316) 618-0444 for details)
- Feb 24 Coffee & Donuts-----8:00am - 9:30am
- Feb 26-28 Forum Theatre Presents  
"Route 66" (2<sup>nd</sup> Week)  
(See [www.ForumWichita.com](http://www.ForumWichita.com)  
or call (316) 618-0444 for details)
- Feb 28 KPTS • Channel 8 Presents  
"Breakfast with the Characters"



January 31st

*Signature Theatre Murder Mystery*

Call (31) 263-4218 for details and/or check

[www.wichitascottishrite.com](http://www.wichitascottishrite.com)

for more information about tickets and event times



I want to apologize for the length of this article right up front, there are a lot of things to cover, so this is going to be a lengthy article.

To start with, I want to bring you up to date on what we have been doing with our marketing effort and where we are with it today. We have been working with Cohlma Marketing to develop a new website

([www.wichitascottishrite.org](http://www.wichitascottishrite.org))

and Facebook page, both of which are up and running now and I invite you to check them out. Those of you living in the Wichita area may have seen our ad in the Wichita Eagle recently, it was on the State and Local page at the bottom. We also had an ad in the Wichita Business Journal at the end of last month, both ads will repeat over the next year. You will also begin seeing ads on television by the end of December for *Venue332*, all of our ads at this time are for our venue and we have again been working with the folks at Cohlma Marketing to develop the ads, they have been great to work with and have introduced us to ways to better promote ourselves and what we have to offer the public. We had an open house on December 9<sup>th</sup> to introduce our new brand name *Venue332*; it was held in conjunction with the Wichita Chamber of Commerce and was a great way to introduce local businesses to what we have to offer them. We hope it will lead to more weekday bookings for business events, we had several attendees who were specifically looking for a venue to hold their off-site meetings.

We hope to begin promoting membership in Masonry and the Scottish Rite sometime after the first of the year. We felt that it was necessary for us to get our event business revitalized first since that is what provides us with the majority of our revenue right now. Membership is equally important if not more important, but given that we have to start with the blue lodge we have less influence on that than we do on our event business.

Membership is not being ignored or marginalized as we develop our business side of things, many of you received a letter asking for your support and participation in the Valley Membership Achievement Program (VMAP). We have committed to use this program developed by The Supreme Council to help improve our recruitment efforts, member retention, and philanthropy and public image. These are the three areas we have selected as being the most important to the Valley of Wichita and where we need to put our resources for next year. If you did not receive the letter and would like to be a part of the program, please send me an eMail at

[scott@wichitascottishrite.org](mailto:scott@wichitascottishrite.org)

or call the office at (316) 263-4218 and we will get the information to you. You can also go on to the Supreme Council website and read about VMAP there, they also have some videos that help explain the program and how it is supposed to work. We are looking for members to lead each of the three areas as well as members to assist in each of the areas. VMAP is a member driven program and we need your support and participation in order to make it a success.

Another new thing we are working with is a program that can send eMails, newsletters, surveys, etc. to large numbers of people, and track their responses. Those of you who received the eMail about VMAP did so via *Constant Contact* which is the software we are working with. In order for this to be effective, we need to have your eMail address, out of approximately 2100 members, we have a little under 500 valid eMail addresses. We need to improve that number significantly and are asking you to provide us with your eMail address so that you will be included in this program. If you are thinking you don't



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**ALLEGIANCE**

The bodies of the  
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in the Orient of Kansas,  
acknowledge and yield to the  
Supreme Council  
of the Thirty-Third Degree  
for the Southern Jurisdiction of the  
United States of America  
(Mother Supreme Council  
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Brother Scottish Rite Masons.

We have been pretty busy with the Blood Drive September 30<sup>th</sup>, we had 13 people in and collected 10 units of blood which helped 30 hospital patients.

At the Champagne and Chocolate fund raiser October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had over 200 people in attendance, but we do not have a total we will give to the Rite Care clinic at Wichita State University as yet.

Our Class on October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> only had three (3) members, so they were each the candidate in at least one degree.

The Tallgrass Film Festival™ had a full schedule here at the Scottish Rite this year.

GOD Bless each of you

...and have a Happy Holiday Season!

*Fraternally submitted with Brotherly Love,  
Jim Davenport, 33°  
Executive Secretary*



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Executive Secretary*

**Come to your Scottish Rite Center and  
Celebrate “Valentine’s Day”  
during the Elmo Lodge Evening of events on February 3, 2015  
(see calendar on page one)**

Saint Valentine’s Day, also known as Valentine’s Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is a holiday observed on February 14<sup>th</sup> each year. It is celebrated in many countries around the world, although it is not a holiday in most of them.

St. Valentine’s Day began as a liturgical celebration one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. Several martyrdom stories were invented for the various Valentines that belonged to February 14, and added to later martyrologies. A popular hagiographical account of Saint Valentine of Rome states that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, during his imprisonment, he healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius. An embellishment to this story states that before his execution he wrote her a letter signed “Your Valentine” as a farewell. Today, Saint Valentine’s Day is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion, as well as in the Lutheran Church. The Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrates Saint Valentine’s Day, albeit on July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>, the former date in honor of the Roman presbyter Saint Valentine, and the latter date in honor of Hieromartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni). In Brazil, the Dia de São Valentim is recognized on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18<sup>th</sup> century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as “valentines”). In Europe, Saint Valentine’s Keys are given to lovers “as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver’s heart”, as well as to children, in order to ward off Saint Valentine’s Malady. Valentine’s Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.



## “They Remain in our Hearts”

Departed Brethren

November 1, 2014 through December 15, 2014

Cooper, Charles D. -----32°	Harvey, Fred D. -----32°	Powers, Lyle A., Jr. -----32° KCCH
Einsel, Alan D. -----32°	Hewitt, Donald E. -----32°	Williams, Edward E. -----32°
Gettle, Gary R. -----32°	Long, Gordon L. -----32°	Wright, Marvin L. -----32°
Hartford, John H. -----32°	Nibarger, Bob E. -----32°	
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## BUILDING THE FUTURE

On December 11, 2014, The Wichita Scottish Rite presented the Wichita State University Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic (our very own RiteCare™ Clinic) in the lobby of the Wichita Scottish Rite building, with the proceeds of \$19,000 from the 2014 Champagne & Chocolate Event:



Front Row (R-L): Dr. Sandra Bibb, Dean, College of Health Professions; Bob Giesen, 33°, Champagne & Chocolate Committee Chairman; Mary J. Beasley, Clinical Director, Department of Comm. Science and Disorders; Dr. Kathy L. Coufal, Chair, Dept. of Comm. Science and Disorders; Jim Davenport, 33°, Executive Secretary;  
Second Row (R-L): Hugh W. Gill, III, 33°, SGIG; Brian Ray, Clinical Educator

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Brother Scottish Rite Members,

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**H**ere we are, starting another new year with lots of expectations and hopes that this year will be a prosperous and successful year. There will be a lot of new changes and events coming up in the months to come!

Some of the highlights starting in January, on the 10<sup>th</sup>-the **Rainbow Girls** will be having their chicken & noodles fundraiser starting at 4pm to 7pm. Help support our young ladies this winter by having a warm bowl of soup!

At the time this article was written, Deb Campbell and I were still working out details for a special event on January 31<sup>st</sup>! It will be a "Murder Mystery Dinner" with moneys raised to go toward a much needed sound system to go with the state of the art lighting system recently installed in our beautiful auditorium. This new system will allow better Scottish Rite reunions, will allow us to have better equipment for our **THREE** theatre groups to work with for their performances, and also to be able to use this to better entice star entertainment shows to come to our stage! We are planning an excellent dinner with excellent entertainment for an excellent worthy cause, so **PLEASE** follow our **NEW**

web site or communicate with us to find out more details as they unfold on this project to support our efforts in continuing to improve our beautiful building!



Mike Williamson, 32°  
Event Manager

Starting in February, on the 7<sup>th</sup>, the **American Rose Theatre Group** will be having their **FIRST** performance here, in going back to the fine tradition of the Gypsy Rose Lee style of tastefully done burlesque! Again, for more details, watch our web site or check back with us as times, etc. become available.

Then starting on February 12<sup>th</sup>, the second production of their season, the **Forum Theatre Co.** will be presenting "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" for a two week, Thursday through Saturday run here at the Scottish Rite!

These past two months have been **VERY** busy for us here, with a heavy schedule of events, several running at the same time in different areas of the building. So **AGAIN**, while our schedule is at a slower pace these next two month, **NOW** is the time to volunteer to become active in the Scottish Rite to find out what you would like to do when things heat up again in the spring! Become an active member of the Scottish Rite showing the people in the Wichita Metro Area what it is to be a Scottish Rite Mason as well as spend time with your fellow Brothers.

*Fraternally,*  
Mike Williamson, 32°  
Event Manager

## HONORS RECOMMENDATIONS - 2015

**T**his is Honors year and the SGIG has asked that we have all recommendations for Honors to him by the **first of March**. If you have someone who you would like to recommend for KCCH or 33<sup>rd</sup> please send a detailed narrative describing the reasons that you believe the Brother is qualified to receive an honor to

Jim Davenport, 33°, Executive Secretary or myself. We will get them compiled and fill in the membership information that is required before we submit the recommendations to the SGIG. The number of KCCH and 33<sup>rd</sup> slots that we will get is most likely going to be small again this year, so the more detailed you are in your recommendation the better.

Honors recommendations are not a onetime opportunity, if a Brother has been recommended in the past and did not get selected he can be recommended again. Particularly

with the reduced number of honors available to us a worthy Brother may not get selected, but that does not mean he cannot be recommended again. Hugh W. Gill, III, 33°, SGIG in Kansas has a very tough job in selecting those who will receive an honor, there are many well qualified and deserving brothers from all of the Valleys, and Ill Hugh has to select those who are "most" qualified. So make sure that your recommendation includes all of the specific reasons that your recommendation should be the one he selects.

*Fraternally,*  
R. Scott Kailer, 33°  
Personal Representative

# Donors for November and December, 2014

To the Wichita Scottish Rite Trust,  
Kansas Scottish Rite Foundation, Almoners, Rite Care Clinic of Wichita State University,  
and to the Legacy III Funds

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Wayne Sondergard  
Jeff Sowder  
Billy Stewart  
Bob Talbott  
Clay Thomas  
Michael Thompson  
Carl Van Dorn  
Ron Van Etten  
Robert Whitney  
Mark Woodman  
John Wooley  
Daniel Wyckoff  
William York



need or want to be included, I would ask that you reconsider. We are currently developing a new newsletter format that can be sent via eMail and posted on our website (current newsletters are posted on the new website), this will allow us to reduce our printing and postage costs significantly. We know that we will have to continue to use the USPS for some members who do not have eMail, but we anticipate that number will be small. At some point next year we will stop mailing the newsletter and will just sent it via eMail and post it on our website; those who want a hardcopy will need to let us know so we can continue to mail their copy. This is not an attempt to reduce communication, it is an attempt to reduce unnecessary costs and to improve our communication by using the technologies available today.

Many of the men we need to reach use social media, eMail or other new technologies to communicate or find information; they do not use phone books, USPS type mail or encyclopedias! We need to be in the arena they use if we want to attract those men to our fraternity, we cannot continue to use the old ways alone or we, like them, will soon disappear. So please send us your eMail address, just send an eMail to

[lisa@wichitascottishrite.org](mailto:lisa@wichitascottishrite.org)

with something in the message/subject line that tells her it is a new eMail for us add, you can also go to

[www.scottishrite.org](http://www.scottishrite.org)

which is the Supreme Council website and update your information there; it will show up on our database after Supreme processes the information.

The number of organizations residing at the Center continues to grow, we have added two new theatrical groups and a quilting group, and we also have three musical groups, an insurance agency and law office at the Center, along with our three blue lodges, York Rite, Rainbow Girls, and some I probably don't know about, it is becoming one stop shopping at our place! It makes for some interesting scheduling to not step on each other's toes, but our staff has done a great job of keeping everything under control, "controlled chaos" is what they call it!

We also continue to work on the building both for general up keep and for renovation, we hope to have our exterior renovation completed this year which will be great, and we have several more inside projects that we would like to complete if we are able to fund them. We are looking more into grants that provide smaller amounts of money but can be used for some of the

smaller projects or can be combined to help fund some of the larger projects. There are a number of organizations that will provide grant money, you just have to spend the time to find them, and then go through the application process. It is a bit time consuming but if we can land a few of them it will be time well spent.

As you can tell, there are many things going on at the Wichita Scottish Rite and we hope to have even more activity as our marketing efforts begin to take hold. It might seem like our focus is more on business than it is on fraternity, and right now it probably is, but we have not forgotten that we are a fraternity and what our primary purpose is, we are just ensuring that we have the financial stability that we need in order to continue as a fraternal organization. The responses from the survey we sent out in September covered a wide range of concerns and suggestions, we are reviewing the suggestions to see what we can do to incorporate them into our plans. One suggestion was to facilitate a quarterly dinner out at a restaurant just as a way of getting together socially. We are looking into establishing that group and I have asked one of our members to take on that project and we will have more information for you after the first of the year. I have directly addressed some of the concerns that were expressed in the survey. They ranged from concern with our fixation on money to needing to be more aware of new members and making sure they are included during reunions. We will continue to address the areas that were identified as needing our attention to improve the membership experience at the Scottish Rite.

Well I told you, it would be a long article and I think I have lived up to the warning, but I felt that there was a lot of information to be shared and this is the best way for me to share it. My goal is to make sure that you know what is going on at the Center and all of the programs we are actively working both for our events business and for our fraternal side. I look forward to

working with you during the coming year and I am sure that together we can make it another outstanding success!



Fraternally,  
R. Scott Kailer, 33°  
Personal Representative

# Wichita Consistory



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**January and February**

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## Oh, Supreme Architect of the Universe, what are my friends, when they say they are followers of:

• **Messianic Judaism** is a religious movement that arose in the 1960s and 70s. It blends evangelical Christian theology with elements of religious Jewish practice and terminology. Messianic Judaism generally holds that Jesus is both the Jewish Messiah and “God the Son” (one of the Trinity), though some within the movement do not hold to Trinitarian beliefs. With few exceptions, both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament are believed to be authoritative and divinely inspired scripture. Salvation in most forms of Messianic Judaism is achieved only through acceptance of Jesus as one’s saviour. It is believed that all sin has been atoned for by Jesus’ death and resurrection. Any Jewish laws or customs that are followed are cultural and do not contribute to salvation. Belief in the messiahship and divinity of Jesus, which Messianic Judaism generally shares, is viewed by many Christian denominations and Jewish religious movements as a defining distinction between Christianity and Judaism. Mainstream Christian groups usually accept Messianic Judaism as a form of Christianity. Some adherents of Messianic Judaism are ethnically Jewish, and many of them argue that the movement is a sect of Judaism. Many refer to themselves in Hebrew as maaminim (believers), not converts, and yehudim (Jews), not notzrim (Christians). Jewish organizations, and the Supreme Court of Israel in cases related to the Law of Return, have rejected this claim, and instead consider Messianic Judaism to be a form of Christianity. From 2003 to 2007, the movement grew from 150 Messianic houses of worship in the United States to as many as 438, with over 100 in Israel and more worldwide; congregations are often affiliated with larger Messianic organizations or alliances. In 2008, the movement was reported to have between 6,000 and 15,000 members in Israel and 250,000 in the United States.

“Baruch Hashem”

(which means: “Blessed be G-d”)

**PAX**  
{Latin for Peace}

Yours in the Faith,

8 Wichita Consistory Double Eagle  
January/February 2015

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