



“...Spring has Sprung”

Schedule of Events

Be sure to mark your calendar

MARCH

- Mar. 1 Bester G. Brown Lodge -----7:00pm
- Mar. 4-5 Signature Theatre Performance
“Aristocrat” musical-----7:00pm
- Mar. 5 Lodge 99-----6:30pm
- Mar. 6 Coffee and Donuts-----8:00am - 9:30am
- Mar. 6 Trustees-----5:30pm
- Mar. 6 Elmo Lodge of Perfection • Men ONLY
• Meeting-----7:00pm
- Mar. 7 Community Daylight Lodge-----10:00am
- Mar. 7 DeMolay-----7:00pm
- Mar. 8 Bester G. Brown Lodge -----7:00pm
- Mar. 10 Rainbow Girls -----10:00am
- Mar. 11 Ladies of Oriental Shrine
- Mar. 12 Lodge 99-----6:30pm
- Mar. 13 Coffee and Donuts-----8:00am - 9:30am
- Mar. 15 Open House for New Members-----7:00pm
- Mar. 15 Bester G. Brown Lodge -----7:00pm
- Mar. 15 Knights of St. Andrew -----7:00pm
- Mar. 19 Lodge 99-----6:30pm
- Mar. 20 Coffee and Donuts-----8:00am - 9:30am
- Mar. 21 Community Daylight Lodge-----10:00am
- Mar. 21 DeMolay-----7:00pm
- Mar. 22 Bester G. Brown Lodge -----7:00pm
- Mar. 25 Daughters of the Nile
- Mar. 26 Lodge 99-----6:30pm
- Mar. 27 Coffee and Donuts-----8:00am - 9:30am
- Mar. 29 Free Lunch-----11:30am - 1:00pm

APRIL

- Apr. 3 Pancake Feed-----11am - 1:30pm & 5pm - 7pm
- Apr. 3 Trustees-----5:30pm
- Apr. 3 Elmo Lodge of Perfection • Men ONLY
• Meeting-----7:00pm
- Apr. 4 Community Daylight Lodge-----10:00am
- Apr. 4 DeMolay-----7:00pm

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PANCAKE FEED

Open to the Public!
Please come and bring your friends and family!
Music will be provided by Tom Page at lunch
and the Shrine Dixie Kats Band during dinner!
Pancakes will be provided by the AMAZING Chris Cakes
and proceeds will benefit the Wichita Scottish Rite Charitable Trust.

Tuesday, April 3, 2012
All You Can Eat
Tickets: \$5
11:30am - 1:30pm
5:00pm - 7:00pm



The
Wichita Scottish Rite
would like to extend congratulations to
Ill. Fred E. Smith, 33°

Brother Fred is the recipient of the
Shriner of the Year award

Well Done, Fred

The next Scottish Rite Class will be held on Friday evening and all
day Saturday April 20-21.

Fees for the class are \$210. PLEASE get your candidates enrolled
ASAP! We want to have a full class! Thank you!

The Wichita Scottish Rite would like to congratulate
Ill. William DeVore, 33°

on his accomplishments in the business community.
Brother DeVore will be inducted into the
Wichita Business Hall of Fame on March 13th!

We are proud of you, Bill!
Thanks for all you do for your community
and the Wichita Scottish Rite!

Oh, Supreme Architect of the Universe,
What can we learn from God's covenants?

{covenant: aka agreement, promise, vow}



“God said to Noah, ‘Yes, this is the sign of my covenant with all the creatures of the earth.’”
(Genesis 9:1-17)

God keeps his promises. Noah stepped out of the ark onto an earth devoid of human life. But God gave him a reassuring promise. This covenant had three parts: (1) never again will a flood do such destruction; (2) as long as the earth remains, the seasons will always come as expected; (3) a rainbow will be visible when it rains as a sign to all that God will keep his promises. The earth's order and seasons are still preserved, and rainbows still remind us of God's faithfulness to his Word.

Yours in the Faith,

PAX
{Latin for Peace}

ALAN A. AAGAARD, 33°
ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN



Well, it hardly seems like Winter ever arrived here in south central Kansas, and now we are moving into Spring. Spring is seen as a time of renewal and rebirth, a time when all things are fresh and new; it seems to me that it should be that way with the Scottish Rite as well. We will be having the Pancake Feed on Tuesday, April 3rd, Chris Cakes will again be providing the “flying” pancakes. We will have our annual Maundy-Thursday/Easter program on Thursday, April 5th; we will be doing the Extinguishing of the Lights, followed by our traditional ritual dinner and then the Relighting of the Lights all in that one evening. Our Spring Reunion will be Fri-Sat, April 20-21 and it should be an opportunity for us to start off fresh for the year and help renew our Fraternity by bringing in as many new members as we possibly can! How refreshing it would be to have



20 or 30 men in our April Reunion! That can only happen if we all do our best to find good men who would make good Scottish Rite Masons and talk to them about joining us. Let’s all try to make this reunion one of the very best we possibly can!

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we have made many improvements to the Center in the past year. We have new carpeting in the Main Dining Room and northeast entrance; we have stretched and improved the carpeting in the Crystal Room; we are in the process of getting new carpet in the Main Lobby. We also have a new Information Center in the northeast hallway that informs our guests and members of activities at the Center, and we have replaced the floor and toilets in the Women’s restroom in the Annex. The majority of these improvements have been paid for by donations from you and we are very grateful and appreciative to those of you who have seen fit to help in this way! I believe that our Center looks better today than it has for many, many years and we could not do it without your help. I am very proud of the way the membership has stepped up and asked “how can I help!”, we have seen a new interest in preserving not only our facility but also Scottish Rite Masonry and I don’t believe anything could please me more! While it may be poor repayment, all I can say is Thank You! We will continue to do the things that will preserve and enhance our beautiful and historic building, and we will continue to do everything we can to preserve and enhance our great Fraternity, that I can promise you!

We continue to work on our Strategic Plan and some of the improvements that we have made have been a part of that planning process. The committee and I feel that Membership needs to be our primary focus as it will drive all other areas of the plan or will at least strongly influence them. With that in mind we have initiated a number of efforts to bring in new members and ensure that we keep our existing members. We have and will continue to participate in the All Masonic Information Nights at Midian Shrine as well as having some Prospect Nights of our own. Our Membership Committee is also planning to get our message out to the blue lodges in order to encourage those men who are already Masons to consider joining the Scottish Rite. Our calling committee has been doing yeoman’s work in calling those who were about to be suspended at the end of last year and those who have been suspended as part of the Brother-to-Brother program. We suspended 71 men for non-payment of dues at the end of 2011, while that is 71 too many, when we first started calling those in danger of being suspended the number was closer to 300. I am sure you will be hearing more on all of this as we continue to bring our planning into action.

You will see something new in this Double Eagle; our Treasurer, David Bernstorf, KCCH has included some financial information for 2010 and 2011 to provide you with a look at how our finances are structured and what the costs are of operating the Center. This too is a part of our Strategic Plan, not

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ALLEGIANCE
The bodies of the
Ancient and Accepted
Scottish Rite of Freemasonry,
sitting 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
of the World)

whose See is at Charleston in the
State of South Carolina,
and House of the Temple,
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Ill. Hugh W. Gill, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in Kansas

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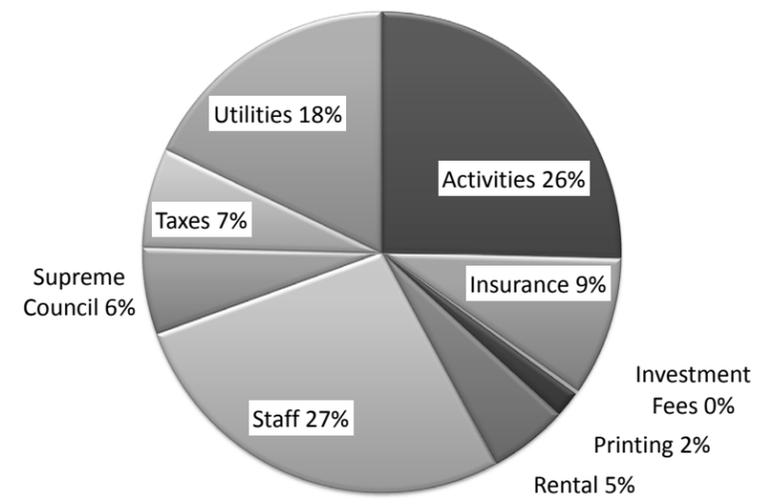
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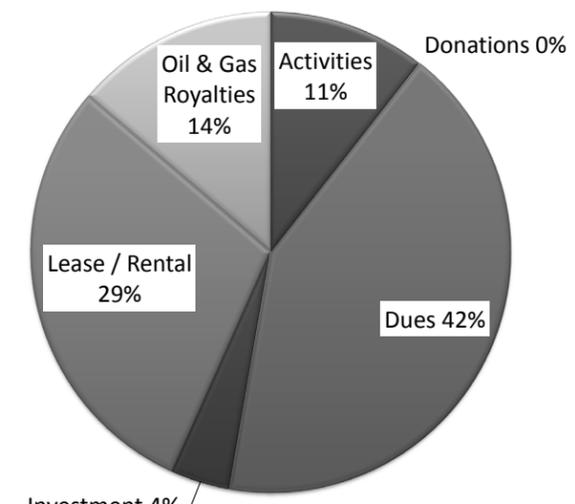
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Adobe InDesign CS5 on a
Macintosh MacBook Pro™.
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COPPERPLATE GOTHIC,
Goudy Old Style,
Stone Sans Semi, & Symbol.

2010 Expense - \$ 472,353



2010 Income - \$ 458,555



I wanted to give the membership an update on the financial status of the bodies. Graphs have been included that show the Income and Expense for 2010 and 2011. The fiscal year runs from October 1st to September 30th of the following year.

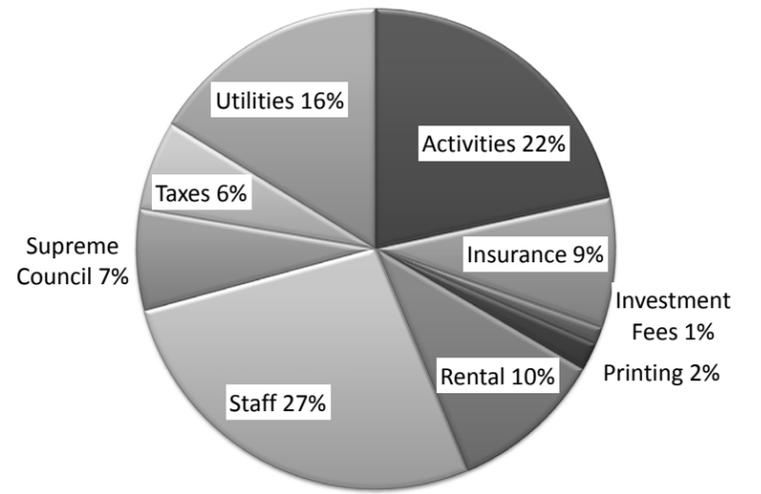
There was a \$98,000 income increase in 2011 over 2010. You will note from the graphs that the primary increases were in the Donations and Lease/Rental areas. Donations were given during 2011 for several projects to update and improve the facilities. Lease/Rental income increased from additional masonic organizations using the facilities and more public rentals in the building. The parking lots north and northwest of the Scottish Rite Center are being managed by us for the property owner. This provides income and also allows the groups that rent our facilities to have access to that parking.

There was a \$53,000 expense increase in 2011 over 2010. The primary increase was in Rental expenses which is to be expected with increased building utilization. Other 2011 expenses were similar to the 2010 expenses.

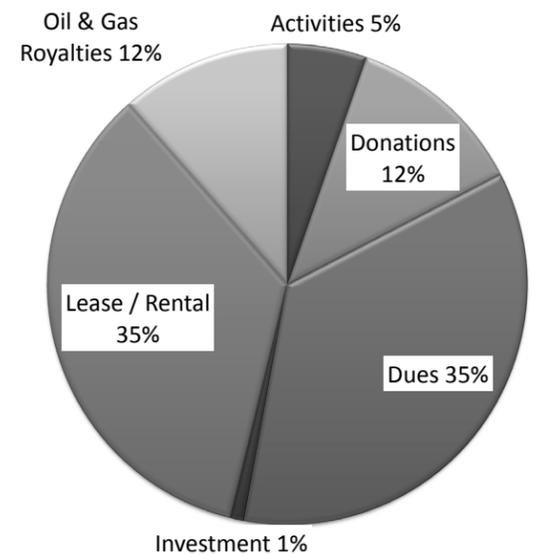
The budget process has become more demanding each year. The need to identify potential income increases to balance additional costs is a challenge and the staff and membership have worked hard to improve income while minimizing increased expenses.

David Bernstorf, 32°, KCCH
Treasurer

2011 Expense - \$ 525,796



2011 Income - \$ 556, 852





Brother Scottish Rite Masons:

A Big Hearty Hello to my Brother Scottish Rite Masons.

Watch our calendar as we have a lot going on the next 3 months.

We have 6 petitions in for the April 20 & 21, 2012, Spring Scottish Rite Class. We need more members.

If you know anyone that might be interested bring them down to our open house on March 15, 2012. If I can make a call with you to talk to someone about joining us give me a call.

We have put a new floor and stools in the Ladies restroom in the annex. Needed badly, looks great!!

We will be getting new carpet in the Lobby as some men thought that the dining room looked so nice we should carpet the Lobby too. I had a brother volunteer to pay for getting the Clock in the lobby repaired.

We had a Poker Run last year and I didn't do so hot setting it up, but three brothers stepped up and they are really getting rolling in high gear. I'm excited about what they are doing. These young men have great ideas and this old **** needs to get out of the way and just help when I can.

Next time you are down check out the monitor in the North Hall. A calendar of events and education too.

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



My sincere thanks to our Tilers for going the extra mile to take care of our renters. We have picked up 3 new tilers, but we are going into our busy season and the need will continue to grow. If any member has some extra time on Friday or Saturday nights please let me know.

I also need to find a member to take over as Captain. The job would be to get Tilers for the rentals we have for 1 week each month. I do have a list of tilers available. Your dedication is really appreciated by me but the renters have a bonding with whoever is on the door and that is the best good-will to can ask for.

Dorothy Harmon, Facilities Coordinator
(316) 263-2418



"They Remain In Our Hearts"

Departed Brethren

December 9, 2011 through February 8, 2012

Bailey, Dean F.	Fenno, Howard W. ~~~~~32°	Shurtz, William L. ~~~~~KCCH
Brow, Judge Wesley E. ~~~~~32°	Magnuson, Leo W. ~~~~~32°	Smith, Frank ~~~~~32°
Denman, Jack ~~~~~33°	Oathout, Michael A. ~~~~~32°	Steele, James K. ~~~~~32°
Feil, Merle D. ~~~~~32°	Perkins, CPL. Michael W. ~~~~~32°	Wagner, Orlin L. ~~~~~32°

Schedule of Events

Be sure to mark your calendar

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APRIL 2012

- Apr. 5 Maundy Thursday & Easter Service
"Extinguishing of the Lights" ~~~~~6:00pm
Maundy Thursday Ritual Dinner ~~~~~7:00pm
"ReLighting of the Lights" ~~~~~8:15pm
Make your reservations by calling (316) 263-4218
Cost of Dinner = \$7.50 per person
- Apr. 5 Bester G. Brown Lodge ~~~~~7:00pm
- Apr. 9 Lodge 99 ~~~~~6:30pm
- Apr. 10 Coffee and Donuts ~~~~~8:00am - 9:30am
- Apr. 12 Bester G. Brown Lodge ~~~~~7:00pm
- Apr. 14 "Chance-To-Advance" Class ~~~~~8:00am
Breakfast ~~~~~7:00am
- Apr. 14 Rainbow Girls meets in Knight's Room ~~~~10:00am
- Apr. 16 Lodge 99 ~~~~~6:30pm
- Apr. 17 Coffee and Donuts ~~~~~8:00am - 9:30am
- Apr. 18 Community Daylight Lodge ~~~~~10:00am
- Apr. 18 DeMolay ~~~~~7:00pm
- Apr. 19 Bester G. Brown Lodge ~~~~~7:00pm
- Apr. 19 Knights of St. Andrew ~~~~~7:00pm
- Apr. 20-21 Scottish Rite Class ~~~~~7:30am
- Apr. 23 Lodge 99 ~~~~~6:30pm
- Apr. 24 Coffee and Donuts ~~~~~8:00am - 9:30am
- Apr. 26 Free Lunch ~~~~~11:30am - 1:00pm
- Apr. 26 Bester G. Brown Lodge ~~~~~7:00pm
- Apr. 28 Rainbow Girls -- Initiation
- Apr. 29 Knights of St. Andrew
Dinner ~~~~~1:30pm
Initiation ~~~~~2:15pm
- Apr. 30 Unity Council ~~~~~7:00pm

Mark your calendar = June 9, 2012
"Poker Run"
Get the word out to your friends who are
motorcyclists or antique car owners

The Wichita Scottish Rite would like to thank Brothers Jack Bliss, Bob Beardsly, and LeRoy Roseberry for coming in on a weekend and deconstructing the women's restroom to ready it for the new floor to be installed.

After an unfortunate flood, the wooden floors of the main ladies restroom have been restored to a heavy duty ceramic tile that will hold up well for all the upcoming rentals.

We have replaced all the toilets in the ladies restroom as well, and now have three toilets for sale. Please contact Tony Nelzen at 772-0874 if you would like to purchase one of them! Thank you!



If you know of anyone who is renovating a bathroom, we have 3 toilets available at a VERY reasonable cost. They are commercial with oblong bowls. They include new seats. They are from the recent ladies restroom renovation and all are in very good condition.

Contact Tony with building maintenance @ (316) 772-0874 or
tony@wichitascottishrite.org



Don't forget to mark your calendars for FREE LUNCH, the last Thursday of every month!
Who says there's no such thing as a Free Lunch?

We are in need of volunteers - so if you would like to come down and help, we can use you!
FREE LUNCH is from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. the last Thursday of each month.

If you would like to volunteer, just call the office at (316) 263-4218 and we'll let you know what time the kitchen opens for preparations!

THANK YOU!

Donors for January and February, 2012

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

Mr. & Mrs. William DeVore
Ralph Foster
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James Marples
Van McLemore
Tony & Kathy Nelzen
William Phifer

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Betty Veasart
John Wooley



THERE ARE MANY POSITIVE CHANGES HAPPENING AT YOUR SCOTTISH RITE!

Most recently, a flat-screen monitor was installed in the North Hallway. The monitor advertises Masonry to all who enter our doors. Listings of upcoming events, Masonic Organizations, and Masonic History explain to event-goers what the Wichita Scottish Rite and Masonry are all about.

A special thanks to Brian Byrd, Derek Keller, David Ryan, LeRoy Roseberry, Tony Nelzen, and Lisa Sparks for their input and contributions to this project! The program looks slick!

Be sure to look above the elevator entrance so you can see the streaming program – it looks great and is very informative!



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE WORK



Dear Scottish Rite Brothers:

All indications are that we have a busy Spring coming our way.

The annual Maundy Thursday, and Easter Programs will be coming up soon. This year we will again be doing the Maunday Thursday and Easter Observances on the same evening. That date is April 5th. I will be getting with the actors for those programs in the very near future to schedule a rehearsal.

Our next Scottish Rite Class will be April 20th and 21st. I am very happy to report that we have enough petitions to insure that we will indeed have a class this Spring. We will be putting on the usual obligatory degrees for this class. I will also be getting with the actors for these degrees in the near future. We will be portraying the new 32nd degree, so those involved in that will be getting notification of some upcoming rehearsals.

I am sad to report that Brother Bill Shurtz passed away. Bill was an Assistant Director that helped with getting the actors checked in prior to degrees. So, we are in need of someone to take over this responsibility for Bill. If anyone is interested please let me know. It's not a hard job, but it is an important one. Also, I must report that at this time we do not have an organist available for the Easter Services or the Spring Class. If anyone would like to play the organ for the Scottish Rite please get with me or Scott Kailer.

As I wrote in the last Double Eagle we need people to learn parts and to help with the various aspects of putting on the degrees. If you are interested in doing any "work" for the classes please contact me, or any of the staff in the office.

I look forward to working with everyone this year, and hope to see you soon.

Fraternally
Ron Van Etten, 33°
Director of Work

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just the reporting of numbers, but the development of a plan and strategy to ensure that we remain financially sound. David is our Treasurer and is also the head of the Strategic Planning and Investment committees, he has done an outstanding job of shepherding our finances and ensuring that we wisely invest our funds. In his spare time he tries to keep the six different areas of our Strategic Planning effort moving forward while keeping his aircraft consulting business going. If you want to get something done, give it to a busy man!

I cannot help but be amazed at all of the activity going on around the Center, it seems that we have some group or lodge meeting every night, sometimes several of them meeting on the same night in various parts of the building. We seem to always have a project going, our Executive Secretary, Jim Davenport, 33° does not like to see things or people sitting still! Our Center is alive and truly does "shine in use" and what is even better is that Scottish Rite Masonry is alive and well! We can ALL be proud of what we have accomplished and continue to accomplish on behalf of our Scottish Rite and our Fraternity.

Fraternally
Scott Kailer, 33°
Personal Representative
Wichita Scottish Rite

