



Joyous Holidays to one and all...

Schedule of Events

Be sure to mark your calendar

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1 Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433 -----7:00pm
- Nov. 3 Shrine Ladies Luncheon-----11:30am
- Nov. 5 Wichita Lodge #99 -----6:00pm
- Nov. 6 Coffee and Donuts-----8:00am - 9:30am
- Nov. 6 Elmo Lodge of Perfection-----7:00pm
- Nov. 7 Community Daylight Lodge-----10:00am
- Nov. 7 DeMolay-----7:00pm
- Nov. 8 Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433-----7:00pm
- Nov. 9 Beauceant Meeting-----12:00pm
- Nov. 10 York Rite in Auditorium-----8:00am
- Nov. 10 Rainbow Girls -----10:00am
- Nov. 12 Wichita Lodge #99
 Chili feed in Annex -----6:30pm
- Nov. 13 Coffee and Donuts-----8:00am - 9:30am
- Nov. 13 Honors Men Dinner Meeting -----6:30pm
- Nov. 15 Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433-----7:00pm
- Nov. 15 Knights of St. Andrew -----7:00pm
- Nov. 17 A.O.M. -----9:00am
- Nov. 18 Holiday Wine Tasting Party-----3:00pm - 5:00pm
 RSVP @ (316) 263-4218
- Nov. 19 Wichita Lodge #99 -----6:00pm
- Nov. 20 Coffee and Donuts-----8:00am - 9:30am
- Nov. 21 Community Daylight Lodge-----10:00am
- Nov. 21 DeMolay-----7:00pm
- Nov. 22-23 Office will be closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 26 Wichita Lodge #99 -----6:00pm
- Nov. 27 Coffee & Donuts-----8:00am - 9:30am
- Nov. 29 Free Lunch-----11:30am - 1:00pm
- Nov. 30 Miss Teen USA-----7:00pm

DECEMBER 2012

- Dec. 1 Beauceant Brown Bag-----12:00 noon
- Dec. 1 Miss Teen USA-----7:00pm
- Dec. 2 Miss Teen USA-----7:00pm
- Dec. 3 Wichita Lodge #99 -----6:00pm

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Attention Decorators!
 Decking the halls of the Scottish Rite will begin
 at 10:00am, Monday, November 26th.
 Come help us decorate the Center for the holiday season.
 If you cannot come during the day, but would still like to help,
 please call us and we will set up a decorating evening
 (316) 263-4218.



Elmo Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

6:00pm - Social time with Christmas Punch

6:30pm - Dinner

7:45pm - Program: "A Christmas to Remember"

Performed by the Signature Theatre

Cost = \$15 per person

RSVP by Friday, November 30th



Signature Theatre Performances

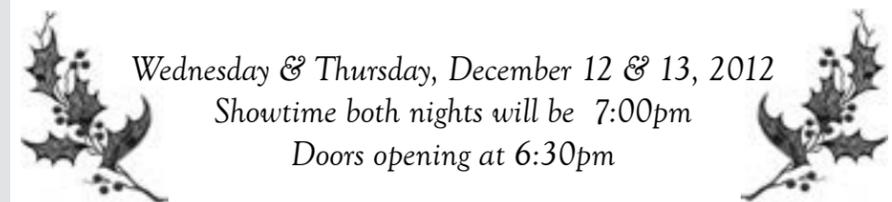
of

"A Christmas to Remember"

Wednesday & Thursday, December 12 & 13, 2012

Showtime both nights will be 7:00pm

Doors opening at 6:30pm



Oh, Supreme Architect of the Universe,

What does the Bible say about effective teaching/training?

"You must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again."

(Deuteronomy 6:1-9)

Effective teaching relates truth to life. The Hebrews were extremely successful at making religion an integral part of life. The reason for their success was that religious education was life-oriented, not information-oriented. They used the context of daily life to teach about God. The key to teaching your children to love God is stated simply and clearly in these verses. If you want your children to follow God, you must make God a part of your everyday experiences. You must teach your children diligently to see God in all aspects of life, not just those that are church related.

Effective teaching can occur in any place at any time. This verse not only instructs us to bring teaching into every facet of life, from morning until night, from meal to travel; it also assumes that all these events present opportunities for teaching.

Yours in the Faith,

PAX
[Latin for Peace]

ALAN A. AAGAARD, 33^o
 ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN

It seems like I just finished writing my first article of the year and now here I am writing the last one, this year has flown by, but it has also been a very productive year for the Wichita Scottish Rite.

We completed a number of renovation projects within the building including new carpeting in several areas, remodeling for new tenants in the building, equipment upgrades and maintenance that had been sorely needed for a long time as well as a general cleaning and sprucing up of the interior of the building. Unfortunately, some of the maintenance work was forced on us by the individual who decided to break the windows in the building, but the positive side of that is we were able to make repairs and fix the windows while adding some protection to them that probably should have been there anyway. We also added camera surveillance to the building which has paid off on several occasions. Another positive is that the individual who broke the windows is still in a secure location, jail!

Our Maintenance Engineer, Tony Nelzen, KCCH, and his assistant Leroy Roseberry, 32° as well as several volunteers have been behind much of the work done in the building and we owe all of them a big thank you for their work, what they have accomplished has been truly amazing. In his "spare" time, Leroy also runs the parking lots for us and along with his wife Mary, caters meals for the Scottish Rite and other groups at the Center, plus works a night job, we really need to find the poor guy something to do, he has to be bored with all that time on his hands!

We took on a major outside renovation of the building from the First Street entrance, east around the turret. All of the stone work was cleaned, repaired, tuck pointed, and sealed. The stained glass windows in the Egyptian Room were repaired and cleaned and all of the windows with plexi-glass coverings were cleaned on the outside and sealed from the first floor to the top of the turret. A picture of that portion of the building is in the newsletter so you can see for yourselves what a difference it has made in the appearance of the building. All of the work is complete with the exception of pulling the regular windows out from the inside and cleaning and repairing them as needed. That work will be done by Tony and Leroy along with a group of volunteers headed by Ross Smith, 33° who has become almost a full-time volunteer as well as working on the stage during our reunions (he is also Director of Rituals Emeritus) and he is our newly elected Venerable Master of Elmo Lodge. We are very grateful for Ross and all of the volunteers who do so much at the Center, we could not get along without them! Speaking of volunteers, Cheryl Ross has volunteered to make some stain glass windows for the tops of the four windows on the east wall of the Egyptian Room. She has used her talents before to make new drapery for the Auditorium, and we are very grateful that she has decided to help us out again. I am sure that her husband, James Ross, 33° will get "volunteered" to help with this project too!

We have also started work on the replacement of our slate roof over the 1887 portion of the building. It was severely damaged during a hail storm in May and we have been working with the insurance company to get it repaired. Because of the age of the building and the extensive damage to the roof it has been difficult to get everyone to agree on what it will take to get it corrected. Thanks to the efforts of Jim Davenport, 33°, Executive Secretary, Tony Nelzen, KCCH, and Scott Rue, 32°, our roofing contractor, we now have the insurance company convinced that while this will be a major project in the range of \$700,000, it is something that must be done in order to protect and preserve the building. Insurance will cover most of the cost, we will have a deductible to cover but it will make the roof over the oldest part of the building much more secure and hopefully will last for many years.

Not all of our efforts have been directed towards the building, we have made some major strides in bringing men who have gone suspended back into the Fraternity as well as recruiting new members to the Scottish Rite. Our calling committee headed by Paul Ditty, KCCH, has done an outstanding job of talking to men who have been suspended for non-payment of dues and bringing them back into the Rite. They have also been talking to men who are about to be suspended and convincing them of the many benefits to be had by remaining a member of the Scottish Rite. We had a good class last Spring, and just completed, our Fall class during October; both were successful although there is



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ALLEGIANCE
The bodies of the
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sitting in the Orient of Kansas,
acknowledge and yield to the
Supreme Council
of the Thirty-Third Degree
for the Southern Jurisdiction of the
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"Diamonds and Denim"



Brother Scottish Rite Masons:

To the best men in the world, MY BROTHER SCOTTISH RITE Masons!

It is a privilege and honor to work at the Scottish Rite Center. We have a lot going on, and we could use some help if anyone has the time. We are going to be taking our windows out to repair and paint. YOU can help make a difference with just a little time each day or week.

We have scheduled an Honors Men dinner & election of officers for next year on November 13, 2012, at 6:30pm in the main dining room. December 8, 2012, punch will be served at 6:00pm and our Christmas dinner will be served at 6:30pm followed by a short program by the Signature Theatre group.

The Scottish Rite & Midian Shrine Children's Christmas party will be Saturday, December 8, 2012, at 10:00am.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING & MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

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



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"They Remain In Our Hearts"

Departed Brethren

August 10, 2012 through October 8, 2012

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Punch-----6:00pm
Dinner-----6:30pm
Program-----7:45pm
- Dec. 5 Community Daylight Lodge-----10:00am
- Dec. 5 DeMolay-----7:00pm
- Dec. 7 Beauceant Brown Bag-----12:00 noon
- Dec. 8 Wichita Scottish Rite & Shrine
Children's Christmas Party-----10:00am
- Dec. 8 Emerald City Chorus Concert-----7:00pm
- Dec. 10 Wichita Lodge #99-----6:00pm
- Dec. 11 Coffee and Donuts-----8:00am - 9:30am
- Dec. 12-13 Signature Theatre-----7:00pm
Celebrate: A Christmas to Remember
- Dec. 13 Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433-----7:00pm
- Dec. 14 York Rite
in Auditorium & Egyptian Room-----7:00pm
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- Dec. 20 Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433-----7:00pm
- Dec. 20 Knights of St. Andrew-----7:00pm
- Dec. 21 York Rite
Christmas Dinner in Annex-----6:30pm
- Dec. 21 Police Department-----5:30pm
Christmas Dinner for Disabled Children
- Dec. 24-25 Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
- Dec. 27 Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433-----7:00pm
- Dec. 27 NO Free Lunch

SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, November 18th
3:00PM - 5:00PM

Wine Tasting @ The Scottish Rite
PLEASE RSVP @ (316) 263-4218



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bringing new members into the Rite and our Membership Committee headed by Bob Giesen, 33°, continues to work on ways to attract new candidates.

Our Strategic Planning committee headed by David Bernstorff, KCCH, who is also our Treasurer, has also been busy working on the six areas of our Strategic Plan and trying to make sure that we know where we want to go in the future and what we want to look like when we get there. Leadership training is being provided at the Orient level during November, and those men who take the training will in turn train those who are currently in or will be in leadership roles within the Wichita Scottish Rite. We see this as an ongoing effort to develop leadership skills in those who will be or have taken on leadership roles within the Valley. As these men step into more important roles they will be better prepared to lead us into the future and ensure that our Fraternity continues to grow and stay a strong and viable entity within the community.

We recently participated in an Orient Information Technology summit which focused on the use of technology to better get our message out to the public and to structure ourselves to be able to communicate with the younger men who are involved in the social media or who are more inclined to communicate electronically than through the written media. We have to be able to attract these men to Masonry and in order to do that we need to be present in the realm that they inhabit. We hope that the ideas and thoughts presented at the summit will help us to better communicate with those men and to help present our message to a broader audience.

We have had several fund raising events this past year all of which were successful and we raised money for our RiteCare™ clinic at WSU as well as some funds for our own use. We had our second annual Poker Run which was much more successful than the first, because we learned a lot the first time and we had the help of David Ryan, 32°, Mike Ward, 32° and Brian Byrd, 32° the second time. Thanks to the efforts of these men we were able to present a check for \$1,300 to the WSU RiteCare™ clinic. Our Champagne and Chocolate fund raiser for the WSU RiteCare™ clinic was another great success this year thanks to Bob Giesen, 33° and his committee. We don't have the final numbers yet but I am sure we will be presenting another significant check to the clinic in the near future.

We had our first Masonic Blood Drive this year in conjunction with the American Red Cross, for a first time effort we did pretty well, 19 pints were collected and we had 26 who volunteered to give blood. Not all of us were able to do so but the good intentions were there. We hope to have another blood drive sometime after the first of the year, this is a great way to both help the community and to get some good PR for Masonry.

All in all this has been a great year for the Wichita Scottish Rite, and I could not be more proud of the efforts put forth by our staff at the Center, our volunteers and the membership in general. Thanks to all of you for helping to make this a great year for a great Fraternity! I want to wish all of you and your families a very happy and safe holiday season and I look forward to working with all of you again next year to make 2013 even better than this year!

*Fraternally
Scott Kailer, 33°
Personal Representative
Wichita Scottish Rite*



Painting, Cleaning, and Restoration on the turret was recently completed

Thank You:

...to John Reiff and the "Free Lunch" kitchen volunteers! They do such a great job - if you haven't made it out to "Free Lunch" yet, please come! It's the last Thursday of the month - starting at 11:30am (check the calendar) See you there.

...to the Tiler Captains - Larry Stafford, Tony Nelzen, Jerry Davidson, Gary Mason, and Guy Wright for their great job in getting Tilers and helping me take care of a full rental schedule. Our rental schedule has been very busy and you all make The Scottish Rite (and me) look very good. If you would like to become a Tiler and be an integral part of keeping the Wichita Scottish Rite going strong, please contact me at (316) 263-4218. Being a Tiler is a lot of fun, you get to be here during the most exciting events, and just a few hours of your time during the month and make a huge difference to us!

Lisa Sparks and Dorothy Harmon



Celebrate!

The Best of Christmas is a song and dance holiday musical revue performed by some of Wichita's best teenagers and college age students.

A visit to the North Pole, and old fashioned Christmas, and the nativity are just a few highlights you will experience during this high energy show.

Expect some of your favorite Christmas songs mixed in with new and contemporary songs to appeal to all ages.

Come get in the mood for the holidays with the WSR Signature Theatre as they perform Celebrate! A The Best of Christmas.

Joshua Larson

Mark Your Calendar



Shrine Children's
Christmas Party
@
The Wichita Scottish Rite

Saturday, December 8th @ 10am
Lunch @ 11am
Children under 12 eat FREE!!!
\$5 lunch for adults!

Santa will be there!

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE WORK



Dear Scottish Rite Brothers:

As I pause to write this article, I know that when you read this our October Reunion, Number 336, will have passed. We did not have the number of new candidates that we had hoped, but I feel confident that the ones we did have, enjoyed the work that was portrayed on their behalf. I did a little research and found that it takes over 50 actors to put on the degrees that were portrayed for this class. On top of that there were the support staff that work on the Stage Crew, the Prompters, the Wardrobe Crew, the Office Staff, the people that prepared the meals, and the ones that I am probably forgetting. So, all in all, there are probably close to a 100 people that gave up their weekend to support the Scottish Rite and to welcome our new Scottish Rite Masons to the fold.

I want to thank everyone that was there to make this class as success. As in the past, there were several people, that for whatever reasons, couldn't participate in the degrees. I want to extend a special thanks to those that stepped up and agreed to do parts on short notice. Several of those that agreed to do that, are new Scottish Rite Brothers that just became members



in the last couple of classes. It is a welcomed site to see these "New Guys" coming back and becoming active members in our Fraternity. Again thank you so much! The completion of this reunion closes out our year in regard to having any additional classes available. The classes for next year are scheduled for April 19th and 20th and October 11th and 12th. Please jot those dates down in your 2013 calendar, so they won't be a surprise to anyone.

I want to thank everyone for their help this year, and I want to applaud everyone's dedication and commitment to the Scottish Rite. Without it, we would never achieve the great successes we have every year.

As the holidays approach, I want to wish you all the best, and look forward to seeing you all again.

Fraternally
Ron Van Etten, 33°
Director of Work