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## IT'S SPRINGTIME IN KANSAS

### Schedule of Events

Be sure to mark your calendar

#### March

- Mar. 2 Rainbow Girls State Meeting  
Practice for Officers----- 9:00am  
Official Meeting----- 2:00pm
- Mar. 5 Coffee & Donuts----- 8:00am - 9:30am
- Mar. 5 Trustee's Meeting----- 5:30pm
- Mar. 5 Elmo Lodge of Perfection----- 7:00pm
- Mar. 6 Community Daylight Lodge----- 10:00am
- Mar. 7 Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433----- 6:30pm
- Mar. 9 Rainbow Girls----- 10:00am
- Mar. 9 Bestor G. Brown Lodge Chili Feed  
Annex----- 12noon - 6:00pm
- Mar. 11 Lodge #99----- 6:30pm
- Mar. 12 Coffee & Donuts----- 8:00am - 9:30am
- Mar. 13 DeMolay----- 6:30pm
- Mar. 14 Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433----- 6:30pm
- Mar. 15 & 16 • Kansas Grand Lodge----- Topeka, KS
- Mar. 17 Knights of St. Andrew - Movie Night  
"The Quiet Man"----- 2:00pm &  
Annex----- 6:30pm
- Mar. 18 Lodge #99----- 6:30pm
- Mar. 19 Coffee & Donuts----- 8:00am - 9:30am
- Mar. 20 Community Daylight Lodge----- 10:00am
- Mar. 21 Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433----- 6:30pm
- Mar. 21 Knights of St. Andrew----- 7:00pm
- Mar. 23 Rainbow Girls----- 10:00am
- Mar. 25 Lodge #99----- 6:30pm
- Mar. 26 Coffee & Donuts----- 8:00am - 9:30am
- Mar. 27 DeMolay----- 6:30pm
- Mar. 28 Free Lunch----- 11:30am - 1:00pm
- Mar. 28 Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433----- 6:30pm

#### April

- April 1 Lodge #99----- 6:30pm
- April 2 Coffee & Donuts----- 8:00am - 9:30am
- April 2 Pancake Feed----- 11:00am - 1:30pm  
and----- 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- April 2 Elmo Lodge of Perfection----- 7:00pm
- April 3 Community Daylight Lodge----- 10:00am
- April 4 Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433----- 6:30pm
- April 8 Lodge #99----- 6:30pm
- April 9 Coffee & Donuts----- 8:00am - 9:30am
- April 10 DeMolay----- 6:30pm
- April 11 Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433----- 6:30pm
- April 13 Rainbow Girls----- 10:00am
- April 14 & 15 • Signature Theatre  
"Aladdin Junior"----- 7:00pm
- April 15 Lodge #99----- 6:30pm

**APRIL'S CALENDAR**  
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**Wichita Scottish Rite**  
**"All You Can Eat"**  
**Pancake Feed**  
**Tuesday, April 2nd**  
**Lunch: 11:00am~1:00pm**  
**Dinner: 5:00pm~7:00pm**  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**\$5 Per Person**  
**332 E. First Street**

A BENEFIT FOR THE  
WICHITA SCOTTISH RITE  
CHARITABLE TRUST

### Spring Reunion

Friday & Saturday, April 19 & 20  
see inside for details  
Bring your fellow Blue Lodge Brothers  
to seek further light in Masonry.



**Wichita Signature Theatre**  
*Disney's Aladdin Junior*  
Sunday & Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
Showtime: 7:00pm  
Tickets: \$7 Students/\$10 Adults  
Doors open at 6:30pm

## Oh, Supreme Architect of the Universe, *what does the Bible say about our value to God?*

*"When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers --- the moon and the stars you have set in place --- what are mortals that you should think of us, mere humans that you should care for us? For you made us only a little lower than God, and you crowned us with glory and honor (Pslam 8:3-5)*

**God Places high value on his human creations.** When we look at the vast expanse of creation, we wonder how God could be concerned for people who constantly disappoint him. Yet God created us only a little lower than himself or the angels! The next time you question your worth as a person, remember that God considers you highly valuable. We have great worth because we bear the stamp of the Creator. (see Genesis 1:26-27 for the extent of worth God places on all people.) Because God has already declared how valuable we are to him, we can be set free from feelings of worthlessness.

*"How precious are your thoughts about me, O God! They are innumerable! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up in the morning, you are still with me! Psalm 139: 17-18)*

**God values us, and he knows us intimately.** Sometimes we don't let people get to know us completely because we are afraid they will discover something about us that they won't like. But God already knows everything about us, even to the number of hairs on our head, and he still accepts and loves us. God is with us through every situation, in every trial --- protecting, loving, guiding. He knows and loves us completely.

Yours in the Faith,

**PAX**  
{Latin for Peace}

ALAN A. AAGAARD, 33°  
ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN

It has been a little hectic at the Center for the last month due to Dorothy Harmon, our Rental Coordinator being out due to illness, as well as the flu bug biting the staff. Dorothy has returned to work and we are very glad to see her back at her desk! The rest of the staff have recovered from their bouts with the flu and we will hopefully not have a second round.

We held our second blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross, the one we had last year was such a success we decided to do another one. We are proud to be able to assist the community with activities like this and we look forward to doing more. We need to become more visible in our communities and participate in activities that will bring Masonry in front of the public. It is not that we have a bad public image, at least for the most part, it is just that we have no public image, people just don't know who we are or what we stand for and do. We need to correct that, we have a great story to tell, we just need to tell it!

Work on the Center continues and I can honestly say that I have never seen the building looking better! We have continued the repair work on the roof when the weather cooperated and our Maintenance crew along with a number of volunteers continue to make needed repairs and upgrades to the building. It seems like we are always talking about the work being done on the building, but that is because there is always work to be done on the building and doing it is important! We are spending money on things that will save us money in the long run by reducing our utility costs and reduced replacement costs. One example is in the lodge room, we replaced the 500 watt bulb that used to hang behind the G above the masters chair with LED lights which will pull much less wattage and they have made a dramatic difference in the appearance of the G. You can see the colors much more clearly and when you move around the room you can see the colors change, it is really very impressive and we will not be changing bulbs up there for a long time!

On the fraternal side, we are in the biennial year and that means that we will be nominating new Honors men this year, if you want to recommend a brother for either KCCH or 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree, we need to have your recommendation as soon as possible. We have to have all of the recommendations to Ill. Hugh W. Gill, III, 33° by April 1, 2013. If you are going to recommend a brother, we need to have a good narrative on what he has done within the Scottish Rite and the Fraternity to make him worthy of an Honor. Please provide as much detail as you can in the narrative and either eMail or mail it to Jim Davenport, Executive Secretary, or myself at the Scottish Rite. We do not expect to have very many positions in either KCCH or 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree, so the competition will tight and obviously not all who are recommended will be selected, but we want to make sure to at least give it our best shot for those who we nominate.

We will be trying something new this year, at least new to us, we will not be doing our traditional Maundy/Thursday and Easter services, they will be replaced by a Remembrance and Renewal service. Ron Van Etten, 33°, Director of Work, and I decided that it is time to change, attendance has been dropping over the last few years and we find ourselves competing with more and more churches, so we will try this new service in conjunction with the Elmo Lodge meeting in May. I hope that you will join us for this new effort and give us your feedback on it. It is not easy to make these changes, but we have to try adjust to the changing circumstances.

One bit of sad news to report, we lost a good friend and brother in January, H. Gene Payne, 33° passed away after suffering a stroke. Brother Gene was a very active Mason not only in the Scottish Rite but the blue lodge and Shrine. He was "Mason of the Year" in both Albert Pike Lodge #303, where he was a Past Master, and in Wichita Lodge #99, where he was a Trustee during 2012. Brother Gene was named "Shriner of the Year" at Midian where he was Chaplin last year. Gene was very active in the degree work at the Scottish Rite and his talents, positive attitude, sense of humor and friendly smile will be greatly missed.



Ill. R. Scott Kailer, 33°  
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The bodies of the  
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in the Orient of Kansas,  
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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,  
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of which  
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and  
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A member in good standing with Elmo Lodge of Perfection,  
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*"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us;  
what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." ~ Albert Pike*

FROM THE **DIRECTOR OF THE WORK**

The decision has been made that the annual Maundy Thursday, and Easter Programs will not be held this year. In place of those programs we will be doing a Ceremony of Renewal and Remembrance. This ceremony will be held on May 7, 2013. I know that not having the Easter program will be disappointing to many, but we hope you will attend the Renewal and Remembrance Ceremony, come see what it is all about. More information will be available as the date nears.



Ill. Ron Van Etten, 33°  
Director of the Work

Our next Scottish Rite Class will be April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be putting on the usual obligatory degrees for this class. I will be getting with the actors for these degrees in the near future. I have had several inquiries from some of our new Scottish Brethren that they would like to get involved. This is very good news and I plan to put them to work in the Spring reunion.

Even though we have some new volunteers, as always, we need more people to learn parts and 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.

Also, so that everyone can update their calendars the Fall Reunion will be October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, and at the request of our S.G.I.G, Ill. Sir Hugh W. Gill, III we will have the honor of doing the Honor Conferrals this fall on November 23, 2013.

Thanks for all of you that help, and I look forward to working with everyone this year, and hope to see you soon.

*Fraternally,*  
Ron Van Etten, 33°  
Director of the Work



I would like to send out a special thanks to all who have expressed concern, sent flower and cards, called, and visited me recently. I am back at work after nearly a month recovering from an infected gallbladder. They removed it and I am now healthy and getting healthier. It means so much to me the outpouring of care and concern. For me, the Wichita Scottish Rite isn't just a place to work: you are all also my family. I am blessed. Thank you again!

*From the Desk of*  
Dorothy Harmon  
Reservations

**"They Remain in our Hearts"**

Departed Brethren  
December 11, 2012 through February 11, 2013

Burkarth, Don L. ----- 32°	Harrell, John D. ----- 32°	Michau, James A. ----- 32°
Butterfield, Darrell L. ----- 32°	Howland, Donald J. ----- 32°	Moseley, Oral D. ----- 32°
Cortner, Warren J. ----- 32°	Forney, Lewis M. ----- 32°	Payne, H. Gene ----- 33°
Davis, James A. ----- 32°	Jenkins, Jr., Lloyd M. ----- 32°	Sullivan, Barney E. ----- 32°
Edwards, Paul H. ----- 32°	Martin, Jerry M. ----- 32°	Unrein, Lester V. ----- 32°

A special thanks to Ross Smith who is volunteering days to help fix up the center. We appreciate all of the hard work he puts into this place – you can tell it's a labor of love!

*With Appreciation from*  
Tony Nelzen  
Maintenance

**Schedule of Events**

Be sure to mark your calendar  
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- April 16 Coffee & Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
- April 17 Community Daylight Lodge ----- 10:00am
- April 18 Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433 ----- 6:30pm
- April 18 Knights of St. Andrew ----- 7:00pm
- April 19 & 20 • WSR Fall Class
- April 22 Lodge #99 ----- 6:30pm
- April 23 Coffee & Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
- April 24 DeMolay ----- 6:30pm
- April 25 Free Lunch ----- 11:30am - 1:00pm
- April 25 Bestor G. Brown Lodge #433 ----- 6:30pm
- April 27 Rainbow Girls ----- 10:00am
- April 27 Senseny/Shrine Big Band Concert ----- 7:30pm
- April 29 Mason Unity ----- 7:00pm
- April 30 Coffee & Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am



**WICHITA SCOTTISH RITE**

Spring Class

**Friday, April 19, 2013**

**Saturday, April 20, 2013**

- Registration ~~~~~ 5:00pm to 6:00 pm
- Class Report to Classroom ~~~~~ 6:00pm
- Scottish Rite Introductions ~~~~~ 6:15pm
- 4° SECRET MASTER ~~~~~ 6:30pm
- Communicate 5<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup> degrees
- 14° PERFECT ELU ~~~~~ 7:45pm

- Sign in (Coffee & Donuts) ~~~~~ 7:45am - 8:15am
- Class Report to Classroom ~~~~~ 8:15am
- "LORD'S LAST SUPPER" LIVING TABLEAU ~~~~~ 8:30am
- Communicate 15<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> degrees
- 18° KNIGHT ROSE CROIX ~~~~~ 9:00am
- Communicate 24<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup> degrees
- Building Tour ~~~~~ 11:00am
- Lunch ~~~~~ 11:30am
- Class Photo ~~~~~ 12:30pm
- 30° KNIGHT KADOSH ~~~~~ 1:00pm
- Communicate 31<sup>st</sup> degree
- 32° MASTER OF THE ROYAL SECRET ~~~~~ 2:45pm



We have the Spring Reunion coming up on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, if you know a good Mason who is in search of additional light in Masonry, talk to him and get his petition turned in as soon as you can. I hope that we will have a good size class and can bring the Scottish Rite message to many new brothers.

I encourage you to stop by the Center on Tuesday mornings from 8:00am to approximately 9:30am for Coffee and Donuts and to take a look at the Center, I think you will be favorably impressed. You can also join us on the last Thursday of the month for Free Lunch from 11:30am to 1:00pm, it is open to all members and their ladies as well as guests. We encourage you to come and join us and to take a look around. For those of you who live too far away to make it to the Center, get on our website:

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

and take a virtual tour of the Center. You will find the tour under our Rental and Services page.

There are many exciting things going on at the Wichita Scottish Rite and I hope that you are as excited as I am to see our wonderful building looking so good and being used so often! It is not only our building that is exciting, our Fraternity is showing new life and new energy and that is the most exciting news of all!

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

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK

Hello Brother Scottish Rite Masons:

Saying that always makes me feel good about who I am and who I'm addressing...

(My Brother Masons)

I thought I would give you an update about what is going on here at the Scottish Rite Center. They have started replacing the Slate Roof which will take about 3-4 months. The cost of reroofing is being covered by insurance.

We have just installed new doors on the North side of the building as they were falling to pieces. I can't understand why as they were only 59 years old. I'm older than that and I haven't fallen all to pieces YET.

We have been replacing light bulbs in the building due to the fact that they are being discontinued, and we can save money. In the Dining Room we went from 33,000 watts to 4,290 watts, in the lobby from 3900 watts to 1092 watts, the Organ Fronts from 6,000 watts to 418 watts, the Dome in Auditorium from 6000 watts to 418 watts. We are noticing a savings in our electric bills. We are starting work on rewiring the lights in the auditorium it will be a slow process as it is being done by a member at no charge to us except for the materials. You can tell which lights we have been able to change.

We had to buy new carpet for the Egyptian Room as it just came to pieces. The carpet was put in 1964-65. I think we got our money's worth. We have had a number of donations but we could still use some help.

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



Ill. Jim Davenport, 33°  
Executive Secretary

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