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CELEBRATE WITH US, AS WE RING IN THE NEW YEAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to mark your calendar

January 2014

December 31 - January 1, 2014
Office CLOSED ----- New Year's Holiday
Jan 7 Coffee and Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
Jan 7 Elmo Lodge ----- 7:00pm
Jan 14 Coffee and Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
Jan 21 Coffee and Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
Jan 25 Shrine Potentate Installation of Ed Day
for details refer to their "Topics" newsletter
Jan 28 Coffee and Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
Jan 30 Free Lunch ----- 11:30am - 1:00pm

February 2014

Feb 4 Coffee and Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
Feb 4 Elmo Lodge ----- 7:00pm
Feb 11 Coffee and Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
Feb 18 Coffee and Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
Feb 20 Sons of the American Revolution
Dinner ----- 6:30pm
for more information call
Mike Snively at 1 (316) 304-1939
Feb 23 Ladies of the Shrine - Spaghetti Luncheon
Open to the Public ----- 1:00pm - 3:00pm
\$10 per person
Feb 25 Coffee and Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am

THE BLOOD DRIVE

Each and every day, patients throughout the area, and throughout the country, rely on volunteer blood donors when receiving healthcare. Cancer patients, accident victims, people undergoing surgery, and people with some chronic illnesses may all need blood. That's why regular blood drives are so important.

October 22, 2013, 15 folks took a break and made an impact on the lives of patients by donating 14 units of life saving blood. These units have the potential to directly impact the lives of 42 hospital patients, and hundreds more of their family and friends.

We extend our appreciation to everyone who took the time the time to give at the blood drive.

THANK YOU!!!



A Holiday Thank You

The halls of the Scottish Rite were decked this holiday season - and we have many people to thank for it! Louise Kabler headed up an amazing team of ladies who prepared the Scottish Rite for our first annual Holiday Open House. The Scottish Rite always shines the brightest during the holiday season and this year we invited the entire city of Wichita to come view our historic gem of a building! A special thanks to Pam Byerley, Evelyn Brown, Georgia Brunner, Dianna Clay, Becky Herrman, John & Bert Heckman, and the Wichita Scottish Rite staff for all of their hard work! The place looked amazing, sparkling, and brilliant with garland, lights, and glittery ornaments! We look forward to doing it again next year! Once again,

THANK YOU!!!



Oh, Supreme Architect of the Universe,

WHAT IS OBEDIENCE IN OUR DAILY LIVES?

"Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between prosperity and disaster, between life and death. I have commanded you today to love the LORD YOUR GOD and to keep his commands, laws, and regulations by walking in his ways. If you do this, you will live and become a great nation, and the LORD YOUR GOD will bless you and the land you are about to enter and occupy."
(Deuteronomy 30:15-16)

Obeying God is in our best interest.

God has called us to keep his commands, while reminding us that his laws are not hidden from us or beyond our reach. Have you ever said you would obey God if you knew what he wanted? Have you ever complained that obedience is too difficult for a mere human? These are unacceptable excuses. God's laws are written in the Bible and are clearly evident in the world around us. Obeying them is reasonable, sensible, and beneficial. The most difficult part of obeying God's laws is simply deciding to start now.

Yours in the Faith,

PAX
{Latin for Peace}

ALAN A. AAGAARD, 33°
ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN

Happy New Year! Another year has passed and now we are about to embark on new adventures in a brand new year! I trust that you all had a great Christmas, have recovered from New Years and are ready to take on the world again! I expect that we will see many changes in the Scottish Rite and Masonry during this year, we need to find new ways to attract members and to make ourselves more known throughout our local communities. We have already begun the process of enhancing our public image with our open house that was held in December and several other projects that are in the works for the coming months.

The old Chinese curse says *“may you live in interesting times”*, well I don’t look at it as a curse, the times will be both interesting and exciting as we break out of our comfort zone and try new things!

As I have been telling you over the past few months, we have been making many improvements to the Center both inside and outside. We have finalized the plan for completion of the outside work and that is moving ahead with a goal of being complete by 2016. I am very pleased that we can continue to work on the exterior of the building; we have to protect the improvements that we have made inside as well as make the Center look even more impressive from the outside. There was an article in the Wichita Eagle this week about our neighbor next door, The Orpheum Theatre; they are embarking on a \$30 million dollar project to renovate their facility and to become a place for the performing arts community. Many of the improvements listed in the article are ones that we have already made, improving the stage and technical capability of

their lights and sound, improved auditorium, and reception areas, develop a training capability to encourage and enhance the skills of those in the performing arts. We have already accomplished these things, with our new stage configuration, lighting, and sound systems, new carpet and drapes in the Auditorium and elsewhere in the Center. We also have our Signature Theatre in place along with the Air Capital Chorus; Sweet Adeline’s and bag pipers.

While I would love to have that kind of money to endow our Center, I don’t plan on holding my breath! But that does not mean we cannot be players in the development of performing arts within Wichita, we have much of what the Orpheum is hoping to have with their project, we just need to do a better job of making the folks around us aware of what we have and what we can do. Accomplishing that is a part of our Strategic Plan and I believe we have the people in place that can put us in the spotlight, in a favorable way, and help us to reach our goal of being an accepted and sought after entity in the planning for the city. We have focused mainly on our wedding and reception business for a number of years but there are many other areas that we can expand into that will both increase revenue and make the Scottish Rite Center one of the top places for business and the arts to seek out for their major events. We have the capability to grow that type of business and we are developing the



Ill. R. Scott Kailer, 33°
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Whose See is at Charleston in the State of South Carolina, and the House of the Temple, Washington, D.C. of which

Ill. Ronald A. Seal, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander and

Ill. Hugh W. Gill, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Kansas and

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In recognition and support of the goals and mission of The Wichita Scottish Rite, I/we acknowledge the following planned gift provision(s):

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I/We ask that my/our name(s) appear as follows:

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK

Hello Brother Scottish Rite Masons:

I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and I know that we will all have a Happy New Year!

I want to thank all of the Ladies who decorated the SCOTTISH RITE CENTER for the Christmas Holidays it was BEAUTIFUL! Also the men who helped set up trees and string the lights. Several ladies of the Oriental Shrine came in and worked two days cleaning the center for our open house on December 11, 2013.

We have all been very busy and the staff has worked extremely hard to see that everything was setup on time for rentals and parties.

I know I'm repeating myself, but I know I

Holiday Decorations were something to behold

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



Ill. Jim Davenport, 33° Executive Secretary

work for and with the best men and their families in the world, MY Brother Masons.

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



BENCHES

This place just keeps looking better and better! It is exciting to watch all of the improvements take place! A special thanks to DEB CAMPBELL and MATT MAY who used their seamstress expertise to re-cushion the benches in the second floor alcove just outside of the Egyptian Room. The seating area looks as good as NEW! We are so lucky to have members and volunteers who take an active interest in this place, preserving its elegance on into the future! If you have skills or time that you'd like to volunteer - or see improvements that your talents could help make happen - please contact Jim Davenport at (316) 263-4218



"They Remain in our Hearts"

Departed Brethren

October 16, 2013 through December 15, 2013

Boucher, Raymond D. ~~~~~ 32°	Fales, James W. ~~~~~ 32°	Madill, Wayne J. ~~~~~ 32°
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Cooper, William C. ~~~~~ 32°	Kunkle, Jerry D. ~~~~~ 32°	McGrew, Dan B. ~~~~~ 32°
Denny, Donovan M. ~~~~~ 32°		Riggs, Guy H. ~~~~~ 32°

Personal Representative's column
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marketing needed to attract those new clients to us. Not only are looking to grow and develop new business for the Center, we are looking for new ideas on how to improve our Fraternity and in particular the Orient of Kansas. On June 14th our SGIG Hugh W. Gill, III, 33° is holding a planning meeting here in Wichita for all Scottish Rite Masons in Kansas to talk about what the Scottish Rite should look like in the future. The goal is to create a vision and steps to implement that vision that will be relevant and attractive both to current and future members of the Fraternity. The current plan is to meet Saturday, June 14th at the Center with the possibility of continuing on Sunday if there is enough interest and/or need to do so. A more detailed schedule will be provided as we get closer to the event. Ill Hugh wants this to be a productive session with a lot of give and take on new ideas. Come with an open mind and a willingness to accept new ideas as well as a willingness to express your ideas. If you are interested in attending or have an idea you would like to share with Ill Hugh, please eMail him at

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The Scottish Rite has so much to offer a man in the way of self-improvement and development as a member of the Fraternity and of society. We have hidden our light for many years with the idea, I suppose, that men who truly wanted the light would seek it out. That may be true to a point but why not make it visible and easily accessible to all men of good character who are seeking to improve themselves and the world they live in? Reaching out is something we have not done well and for many years did not do at all, now it is time for us to utilize every means available to get our message to those who are seeking a more meaningful way of life within the secular community. We do not and should not compete with any religion, we do not offer salvation and we do not have a theology, but we do have a very good message on how to live in this world so that "we may live respected and die regretted".

I look forward to working with all of you again this year, the input and support that you give to our Scottish Rite is both welcome and appreciated, not only by me but by all of the leadership. By working together we can keep our Scottish Rite strong and move it into the future!

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE WORK

As 2013, will soon be (as I'm writing this) a thing of the past, I hope that everyone had a Very Merry Christmas, and is looking forward to a Happy and Prosperous 2014.

I wish to again thank everyone that participated in the Spring and Fall Reunions, and the Honor conferrals. A good job was done by all and I really appreciate everyone's efforts in making these functions a success. I know that everyone takes time out of their busy schedules to help, and your dedication and loyalty to the fraternity is truly appreciated. Without your contributions these reunions would be difficult to carry out at best.

Please contact me as we can use your help and sincerely need YOU

that we all have friends, family, and colleagues that would make good Masons and good Scottish Rite Masons. Also, there are a lot of Blue Lodge Masons out there that haven't continued their Masonic career by joining the Scottish Rite. Our Membership Chairman, David Ryan, is working very hard to



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

have a large class this spring. He would love to have your help getting members. I also know that he would be more than willing to assist if you would like him too.

I would also like to thank all the "new guys" that came forward this last year and asked to help with degrees. I certainly took them up on their offer and found a place for them to be active in our degrees. More opportunities await. If interested please let me know.

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

Fraternally,
Ron Van Etten, 33°
Director of the Work
Wichita Scottish Rite

Over the Summer months new lights were installed on the stage. It is unbelievable how much difference the new LED lights have on how the curtains look. The new lights really enhance the colors in our backdrops/curtains and certainly improve the visual presentation of our degrees. If you haven't been to a reunion in a while please come and take a look. It's Impressive!

Another item I would like to mention is membership. I know

The Wichita Scottish Rite had its first annual Holiday Open House on December 11, 2013.

We would like to extend a special *THANK YOU* to those who helped out that day:

Chet Hockett	Larry Stafford
Homer Price	Gary & Jan Mason
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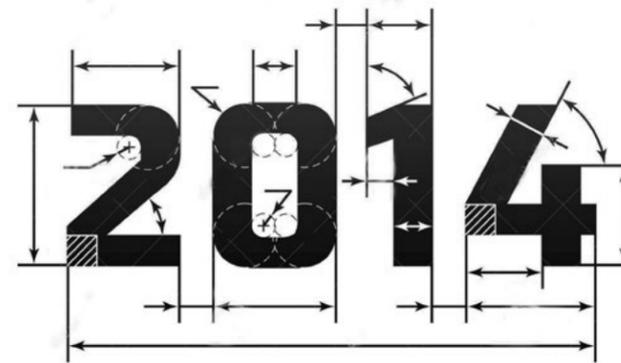
BUILDING THE FUTURE

Thank you to those who sent in contributions to the "Building the Future fund" from the last newsletter, your support is greatly appreciated! As I said in that newsletter, this fund is both for the support of the building and for our Rite Care Clinic at Wichita State University, it is a 501C (3) fund so donations are tax deductible.



The north boiler has been replaced and we now have three boilers which work in tandem to handle the heating in the 1907, and Annex additions. That project was a little over \$100,000 which was paid out of the Trust. The work on the exterior of the building is the continuation of a project that we started in 2008, and will cost us a little over \$351,000 to complete. In order to not make such a big hit to the Trust, we will borrow \$200,000 to fund part of the

project, the cost to borrow is less now than what we are making on our investments so it is the least-cost way to fund the project. The remaining amount on the project will be paid from the Trust and from donations from the membership. We already have several commitments from members to help with the project.



We are asking that members consider making a donation to help fund the project, it can be on whatever schedule works for you, one time or spread over the next five years. The loan will have a five year term and we will be making principle and interest payments during those five years so donations received over that time will help us reduce the impact on available funds. Any amount that you can provide will be much appreciated.

We know we will have emergency repairs to make during that time, no matter how much we have accomplished already there is always something out there just waiting to break.

Your donations will allow us to handle those situations without undue stress to our finances (and Jim and I). We are admittedly taking a big bite with this project but it is something that has needed to be done for some time and we need to complete the project in the next few years in order to collect the Historic Preservation Tax Credits that we were approved for several years

ago. With your help and with those tax credits we can complete the project and payoff the loan with only a minor impact on our funds currently in our investments. Our Scottish Rite Center is one of the crown jewels in Wichita and in the Scottish Rite in Kansas, ours is one of the few that has not been sold or closed and we would like to see that it stays that way!



If you are interested in donating to the project, please contact Jim Davenport, 33°, Executive Secretary at (316) 263-4218 or

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and let him know so he can keep track of the amount that has been pledged.

Fraternally,
R. Scott Kailer, 33°
Personal Representative
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