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IT'S SPRINGTIME IN KANSAS

Schedule of Events

Be sure to mark your calendar

March

Mar. 4 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
Mar. 4 Elmo Lodge of Perfection 7:00pm
Mar. 11 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
Mar. 18 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
Mar. 25 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
Mar. 27 Free Lunch 11:30am - 1:00pm

April

April 1 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
April 1 Pancake Feed 11:00am - 1:00pm
and 5:00pm - 7:00pm

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

April 1 Elmo Lodge of Perfection 7:00pm
April 1 Elmo Ladies Meeting 7:00pm
April 8 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
April 13 & 14 Signature Theatre presents

"Into the Woods" 7:00pm

Tickets \$7.00 (seniors, students, military)
\$10.00 General Public

April 15 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
April 22 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
April 24 Free Lunch 11:30am - 1:00pm
April 25 Spring Class 6:00pm - 9:00pm
April 26 Spring Class 8:00am - 4:30pm
April 27 "Haymakers" 2:00pm
Tickets \$7.00 (seniors, students, military)
\$10.00 General Public

April 29 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am

May

May 6 "Renewal & Remembrance"

June

June 14 SGIG Orient Planning Meeting

Spring Reunion
Friday & Saturday, April 25 & 26
see inside for details
Bring your fellow Blue Lodge Brothers
to seek further light in Masonry.

"All You Can Eat"

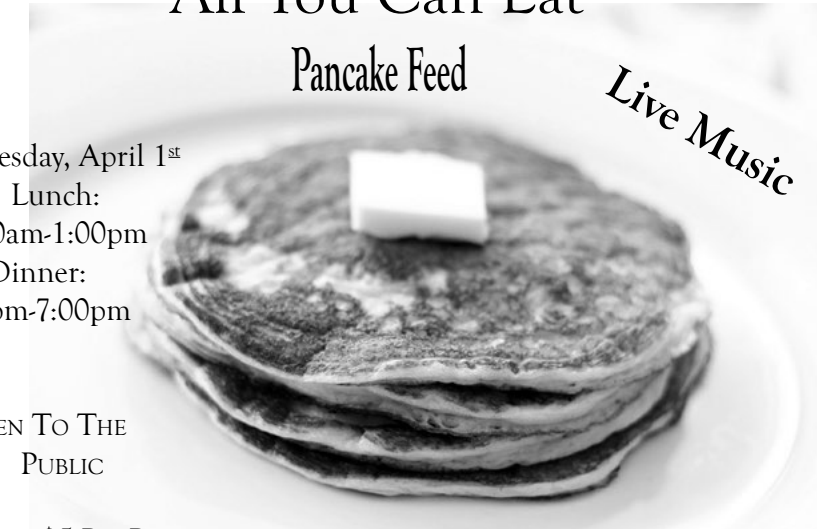
Pancake Feed

Live Music

Tuesday, April 1st
Lunch:
11:00am-1:00pm
Dinner:
5:00pm-7:00pm

OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC

\$5 Per Person



Wichita Scottish Rite - 332 East First Street

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 27th
2:00pm - 5:00pm

Haymakers Concert

and Opening Act

Will be playing the Scottish Rite Theatre
A Mix of Bluegrass and Traditional Country for your listening pleasure

Haymakers consists of the Consistory's own:
Local Legend Tom Page, 32°, KCCH - Guitar/Vox

Joining him will be the talents of:

Dustin Arbuckle, of international blues sensation Morland & Arbuckle
- Harmonica/Vox

Mark Foley, a Wichita State Professor and Wichita Symphony bassist -
Bass

Ted Farha, Longtime local musician and percussionist - Drums

Cost is \$10 for the general public and \$7 for Seniors, Students, and
Military

Please come and join us for an afternoon of live music and fellowship
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY

Oh, Supreme Architect of the Universe, *what does the Bible say concerning matters of the heart?*

"Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me"
(Psalm 51:10)

Our heart is unclean and in need of cleansing.

Because we are born as sinners (51:5), our natural inclination is to please ourselves rather than God. David followed that inclination when he took another man's wife. We also follow it when we sin in any way. Like David, we must ask God to cleanse us from within (51:7), clearing our hearts and spirits for new thoughts and desires. Right conduct can come only from a clean heart and spirit. Ask God to create a pure heart and spirit in you.

"Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you have obeyed with all your heart the new teachings God has given you."
(Romans 6:17)

Our commitment to God should be wholehearted.

To obey "with all your heart" means to give yourself fully to God, to love him "with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind: (Matthew 22:37). And yet so often our efforts to know and obey God's commands can best be described as "halfhearted." How do you rate your heart's obedience? God want to give you the power to obey him with all your heart.

Yours in the Faith,

PAX
{Latin for Peace}

ALAN A. AAGAARD, 33°
ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN

Welcome to Spring in Kansas! As I write this "spring" article we are expecting another big snow storm and bitterly cold temperatures in the state, it makes it difficult to think about spring! But we know the weather will change and spring and warmer temperatures will arrive! Just as we know that our Fraternity will move out of the "winter" it has been in for a long time and will arrive in the "spring" of renewal and regeneration.

Speaking of renewal and regeneration, don't forget that we have a Spring Reunion coming up on April 25th & 26th and we would really like to see a large number of candidates in the class. At this time we have about 15 lined up to take the class and we certainly have room for more, so talk to those men who are already Masons but have not yet joined the Scottish Rite and encourage them to join us. We will have an information night prior to the class where they can learn more about the Scottish Rite and why they should consider joining. Also point them to our Facebook page or website for more information. One of our membership goals for this year are to have a positive year in membership

growth, and we need to have close to 100 new members this year in order to accomplish that goal. Also, plan on attending the Reunion or as much of it as your schedule will allow; it will be a good refresher course for you and it will show the new members that they are not alone and have the support of current members.

Another effort at renewal and regeneration that is going on now is in our Knights of Saint Andrew. The new officers for this year are working hard to get more 32nd Degree men involved in the Knights and to become more visible within the Scottish Rite. Our Knights have always been a valuable asset to the Scottish Rite, they provide most of the Tyler's for our rental events, help around the Center with maintenance work that needs to be done and many work in the degrees or some part of the Reunions.

They have done this without fanfare or seeking recognition which is admirable but does not give them the exposure and recognition that they deserve. We hope that by becoming more visible to the membership they will be able to recruit new members to the Knights. We give each of our new members going through the Reunion a free one year membership to the Knights and encourage them to become active; it is a great

way to become familiar with the Scottish Rite and to start getting involved. The Knights have changed their meeting to the first Wednesday of the month and they will have a potluck dinner at 6:00pm, with the meeting starting at 7:00pm. Also during the dinner they will be holding a *Master Craftsman* study group for those who wish to take the *Master Craftsman* course on the history and legend of the Scottish Rite. I hope that all 32nd degree members will check out the Knights and consider getting involved, it is a great group of guys and you will

learn much more about the Wichita Scottish Rite and where you might best fit into the organization. The Knights plan to have an article in the Double Eagle which will tell you about their schedule of activities and how to become involved. Knights meetings are open to all Scottish Rite members and their Ladies, so come join in and enjoy the fellowship and learn more about Scottish Rite Masonry!

We have updated our Strategic Plan and are working towards the goals established in that plan. We have purposely established some stretch goals for ourselves, especially in the area of membership and public relations. But that is what a plan is for, to make you think out in front of where you are today and to put programs in place to make you better than you are today. We have set some lofty financial



Ill. R. Scott Kailer, 33°
Personal Representative in the Valley of Wichita of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Kansas and Assistant Personal Representative

"SPRING"
BRINGS EFFORTS OF
RENEWAL AND REGENERATION

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ALLEGIANCE
The bodies of the
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in the Orient of Kansas,
acknowledge and yield to the
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of the Thirty-Third Degree
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United States of America
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of the World)

Whose See is at Charleston in the
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Washington, D.C.

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and
Ill. Hugh W. Gill, 33°
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in Kansas

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BUILDING THE FUTURE

We have completed the financing for the work on the exterior of the building and are moving ahead as the weather allows. I am pleased that we can now see the light at the end of the tunnel on this project; we knew it would be a long term project when we started it in 2007, but it was beginning to look like it was going to go on forever. With the support of the Trustees and some very good financial support from Carson Bank in Mulvane, as well as a very favorable agreement with our contractor, we are now aiming for completion in 2016, or possibly sooner. That will allow us to file for the Historical Preservation Tax Credits that we were approved for early in the project. There are always more projects to take on at the Center, but this is probably the biggest and most costly, so it will be great to have it behind us. As I have stated in previous articles, we are accepting donations towards this project through the *Charitable Trust Building the Future* program. Your tax deductible donations will allow us to retain more of our investment funds and to assist in paying off the loan, any amount that you feel comfortable donating will be greatly appreciated. Contact the office at (316) 263-4218 and they can assist you with your donation. Thanks again to all of you who have already donated; what we have received so far will go a long way towards finishing this project in a very financially sound way.

As I said there are always more projects that need to be addressed at the Center, with that in mind we have developed a list of known projects that we either need to do or want to do to improve the appearance or safety at the Center. The *Building the Future Fund* is intended to help provide funds to allow us to do those projects, we have found that there is no such thing as an inexpensive project when you are dealing with a 127 year old building. We have found that rather than taking the shotgun approach, it is better if we prioritize the projects and address them one at a time as much as is possible. So when the outside renovation project is complete you can expect to hear about the next project that we plan to address. I know that it seems like we are always working on something here at the Center but it is the only way that we can keep up with the demands of this old building, we have experienced the results of not doing any work on building and catching up from that has cost us a lot more than it would have to have just done the work. But when you cannot afford to do the work which was our situation a few years ago, you don't really have much choice. That is why we have created the Building the Future program, to ensure that we don't get into that situation again.

We cannot do it without your support both financial and in time and effort. We obviously need the money to be able to take on more projects, but we can also use the skills and talents of the membership to do some things ourselves. That is where you come in, we greatly appreciate your financial support but we would also like to see those that have the skills, talent and time take on projects at the Center that we can accomplish ourselves without having to go hire a contractor to do the work. If you have a particular skill and would like to spend some quality time working at the Center, we can certainly use you, just contact Jim Davenport, 33°, Executive Secretary or myself and we can put you to work.

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



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



I hope everyone is well and keeping warm during this cold snap we've been going through. I don't know about you, but I am waving the surrender flag, and am ready for spring.

Our "Spring Reunion" is scheduled for April 25th and 26th this year. The 4th and 14th degrees will be conferred on

Friday evening, and the remaining three degrees, 18th, 30th, and 32nd, will be done on Saturday. It would be great

to have a large class this spring, and I know that David Ryan, our Membership Chairman, and many others, are working hard to have at least 25 new members for the class. Please do all you can to help the get those petitions submitted. I know David would be glad to assist if you'd like his help.

The "Renewal and Remembrance" ceremony will be held on May 6th this year. This ceremony is to honor those that have gone to that "House not made by hands, eternal in the Heavens" since our last ceremony. There will be more information coming out about this ceremony soon. Please plan to attend and honor our departed Brethren.



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

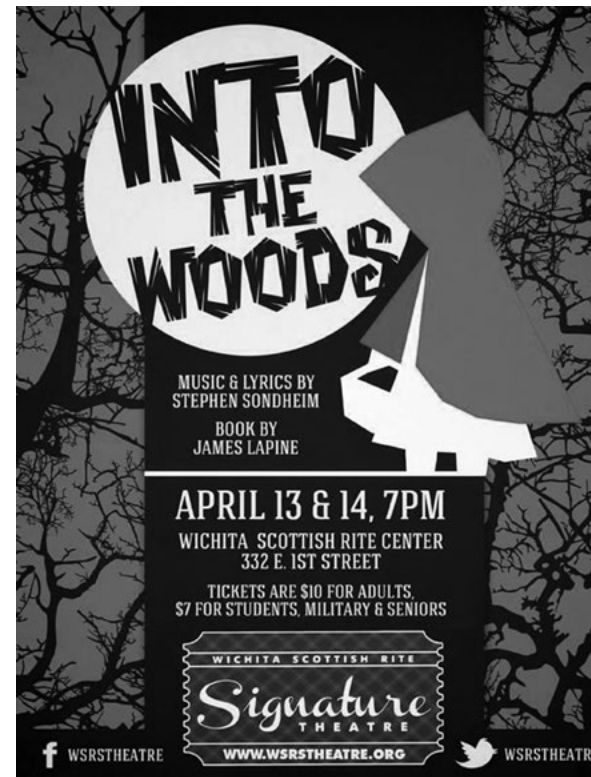
As always, I will make my usual pitch for Brothers to learn parts and to help with the various aspects of putting on the degrees. If you are interested in doing any "work" for the classes please contact me, or any of the staff in the office.

Also, please put October 10th and 11th on your calendars for the Fall Reunion.

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

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

WE NEED TO FIND NEW WAYS
TO ATTRACT MEMBERS
AND
TO MAKE OURSELVES BETTER KNOWN THROUGHOUT OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITIES.



WSR Signature Theatre will present the musical "Into the Woods" on April 13th and 14th at 7:00. The cast will include actors of all ages from the Wichita area. The show follows the real lives of fairy tale characters as they meet up in a common forest.

Authors James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim keep us enthralled in the lives of our characters with humor, song, and many touching moments.

Don't miss this modern classic.

Cost is \$7 for Seniors, Students, and Military, \$10 General Public

WICHITA SCOTTISH RITE

Spring Class

Friday, April 25th, 2014

Dinner for Brothers & Candidates 5:00pm - 6:00pm
 Registration 5:00pm - 6:00pm
 Class Reports to Classroom 6:00pm
 Scottish Rite Introductions 6:15pm
 4° SECRET MASTER 6:30pm
 Communicate 5th through 13th degrees
 14° PERFECT ELU 7:45pm

Saturday, April 26th, 2014

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

"They Remain in our Hearts"
 Departed Brethren
 December 10, 2013 through February 10, 2014

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| Ashel, Donald H. ----- 32° | Hanson, John L. ----- 32° | Norris, James P. ----- 32° |
| Brant, James C. ----- 32° | Harkeness, Andrew J. ----- 32° | Posey, Lewis L. ----- 32° |
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goals to better utilize our resources and to stabilize our financial situation in our day-to-day operations; our success in reaching those goals will determine how successful we are at remaining a viable organization in the future. We must change to meet the demands of today's world in order to remain relevant and attractive to potential members, we are trying to do that without compromising our ideals and moral commitment to the betterment of the world we live in.

I hope that in the near future we can have a link on our website to the Strategic Plan so that you can see our goals and plans as well as provide feedback to us on the goals and plans.

The leadership at the Wichita Scottish Rite welcomes your input and constructive criticism; we are always looking for ways to make our Fraternity better and stronger so that it will endure and be a part of the community for years to come. Remember, **YOU** are the Scottish Rite, and it is through your active participation and support that we will be successful in reaching our goals.

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



SGIG Orient Planning Meeting

Our SGIG, Ill Hugh W. Gill, III, 33° is holding a planning meeting to talk about what the Scottish Rite should look like in the future. The meeting will be held at the Wichita Scottish Rite Center on Saturday, June 14th with the goal of developing a vision and steps to implement that vision which will make the Scottish Rite relevant and attractive to new members as well as current members. The meeting is open to all Scottish Rite members in the Orient of Kansas, come with your ideas for the future, an open mind and a willingness to accept new ideas.

A detailed schedule will be provided prior to the meeting date but plan on all day Saturday, June 14th with the possibility of continuing on Sunday, June 15th if it is needed or those in attendance desire to do so. If you have any thoughts or ideas that you would like to share with Ill Hugh prior to the meeting, feel free to eMail him at: hugh@wichitascotishrite.org.

This is your chance to provide input into the future of the Scottish Rite in Kansas and to help shape the Fraternity for those men who will come after us.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK



Ill. Jim Davenport, 33°
Executive Secretary

Don't forget the PANCAKE FEED on April 1, 2014!

Our next Scottish Rite Class will be April 25 & 26, 2014. How long has been since you talked to a man about

becoming a MASON? How long has it been since you top lined a SCOTTISH RITE MASON? I always think about what Masonry has done for me! What has Masonry done for YOU? Everyone of you knows someone who would benefit from be-

ing a part of our brotherhood, talk to him today! We need your help! Our average age at the Scottish Rite is now over 70 years old we need new, young, ambitious men to carry the NATION forward.

WE NEED TO FIND NEW WAYS
TO ATTRACT MEMBERS
AND
TO MAKE OURSELVES BETTER KNOWN THROUGHOUT OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

We have lost 120 members this year and we cannot continue this and maintain this fantastic institution. We cannot give up! Step up and help!

Love you ALL!

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



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