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CHANGE IS AFOOT, MY DEAR WATSON

Schedule of Events

Be sure to mark your calendar

July

- July 1 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
Elmo Lodge of Perfection 7:00pm
- July 4 Independence Day Holiday Office will be closed
- July 8 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
- July 15 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
- July 22 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
- July 29 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
- July 31 Free Lunch 11:30am - 1:00pm

August

- Aug 3 Retirement/Birthday Party for Dorothy Harmon
2:00 - 4:00pm
- Aug 5 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
Elmo Lodge of Perfection 7:00pm
- Aug 12 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
- Aug 19 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
- Aug 26 Coffee & Donuts 8:00am - 9:30am
- Aug 28 Free Lunch 11:30am - 1:00pm

Congratulations to our

25 and 50 year members

who attended the celebration on June 3rd to receive their honors:

50-Year Members in attendance:

25-Year Members in attendance:



Vernon Kafka, 32°
Leonard Christmore, 33°
(with his family behind him)

Craig Stallwitz, 33°
David Byerley, 32°, KCCH
Galen Frick, 32°
James Moscript, 32°

FACILITIES COORDINATOR DOROTHY HARMON HAS RETIRED



She came to the Wichita Scottish Rite for two weeks in the late 1990's as a consultant for getting the rental program off-the-ground, and ended up staying more than fifteen years! Dorothy has built the rental program at the Wichita Scottish Rite into a highly successful program; we have been fortunate to have the benefit of her knowledge and expertise attained during her 49 years as a facilities coordinator for the Athletic Department at Wichita State University. In addition to working the rental program, Dorothy has also handled much of our membership information and maintained the database containing our member information.

Recently, Dorothy was inducted into the Wichita State Sports Hall of Fame, she is recognized within the community as a stable and dependable force, and is active in many social and civic organizations within Wichita. Dorothy will reach the life milestone of 90 years of age in August and a celebration is being planned to celebrate her birthday, and to recognize her for accomplishments at, and service to, the Wichita Scottish Rite.

There will be a 90th birthday/retirement celebration for Dorothy, **SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd from 2:00 - 4:00pm** at the Scottish Rite Center.

Please join us in congratulating Dorothy and thanking her for her years of dedicated and exceptional service to the Wichita Scottish Rite!

Well, it has been an interesting couple of months at the Center; we are finally getting everything back in shape after our flood, that has been a long process, but we are looking good again! As you will see in the newsletter Dorothy Harmon has retired and we will be having a combination birthday and retirement party for her in August.

With Dorothy's retirement we are taking a new approach to what we have always referred to as our "rental" business, and we will be focusing on marketing the Center as an "event" venue for weddings, receptions, and other similar events as well as pro-actively marketing our facility and services to the business community. As I have stated before, our main sources of income are from dues and from building use; unfortunately, dues alone cannot provide sufficient revenue to keep the doors open, so we must put more effort behind increasing our income from use of the building. Membership continues to be important and we will continue to do our best to encourage blue lodge Masons to consider joining the Scottish Rite, but history tells us that we will not get new members in sufficient numbers soon enough to provide any increase in revenue from dues. And just for the record, I am not interested in just trying to get numbers, when we look for new members, we need to be looking for men who want to be Scottish Rite Masons, and who will be a positive and productive addition to our Fraternity. Speaking of new members, if you have someone you are wanting to get into Masonry who has limited time, Grand Lodge will be holding a Chance to Advance class at the Center on August 9, 2014, you can get the details from your lodge but all candidates must have their First Degree in their home lodge or by courtesy work and prove proficiency before they can be en-

rolled in the class. This will be the only C2A class this year, so now is the time if you want to take advantage of it.

As we work towards a budget for the coming fiscal year, we are looking at all options for increasing revenue and for controlling expenses, that makes for some tough decisions but they are decisions we, the leadership, need to make. We want the Wichita Scottish Rite to continue to be a viable and positive influence in our area for many years to come; we can do that if we are willing and able to make the changes and sacrifices that are required. I believe that we are making some good progress in our budget efforts, we are still projecting a loss for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, however, with the changes we are making that loss is roughly half of what we expect this year. If our efforts to bring in more business to the Center are successful, we may be able to further reduce our projected loss, we will hope that is the case.

The ship is beginning to turn in a new, *and we hope*, positive direction. It will take a while to see the full benefit, but I am confident that we can make it happen!



Fraternally,
R. Scott Kailer, 33°
Personal Representative



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

Hello brother Scottish Rite Masons. We have certainly been busy with work drawing to an end on our water main break for the sprinkler system. I believe it will all be completed by the time this gets to you. Come down and look at the floor in the basement and new floor in the annex.

We have installed motion detectors in the

halls and some rooms so lights don't stay on all day or all night if someone forgets to turn them off.

Dorothy Harmon has retired, and she will be missed by everyone. There will be a 90th birthday/retirement celebration for Dorothy SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd from 2:00 - 4:00pm at the Scottish Rite Center.

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



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of the Thirty-Third Degree
for the Southern Jurisdiction of the
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Oh, Supreme Architect of the Universe, what does the Bible teach us of Wisdom?

...yes, let us reVisit **“Wisdom”** from another point of view...

What is wisdom, and how do we become wise?

“Give me an understanding mind so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great nation of yours?” (1 Kings 3:1-28)

Wisdom is the ability to apply knowledge to everyday life.

Solomon received wisdom from God, but it was up to Solomon to apply that wisdom to all areas of his life. Solomon was obviously wise in governing the nations, but he was foolish in running his household. Wisdom is both the ability to discern what is best and the strength of character to act upon that knowledge. While Solomon remained wise all his life, he did not always act upon his wisdom (11:6).

Solomon's settlement of the dispute described in 1 Kings 3: 16-28 was a classic example of his wisdom. This wise ruling was verification that God had answered Solomon's prayer and given him a discerning heart. Discernment is the capacity to recognize truth and issue deeper than the surface appearance. We have God's wisdom available to us as we pray and request it. But, like Solomon, we must put it into action

Wisdom begins when we ask God to be our supply.

When given a chance to have anything in the world, Solomon asked for wisdom (“an understanding mind”) in order to lead well and to make right decisions. We can ask God for the same wisdom (James 1:5). Notice that Solomon asked for discernment to carry out his job; he did not ask God to do the job for him.. We should not ask God to do for us what he wants to do through us. Instead we should ask God to give us the wisdom to know what to do and the courage to follow through on it.

Yours in the Faith,

PAX
{Latin for Peace}

ALAN A. AAGAARD, 33°
ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN

“They Remain in our Hearts”

Departed Brethren

April 12, 2014 through June 3, 2014

Alexander, Robert Y. -----32°	Hill, Harlan Duane -----32°	Matthews, George Edward -----32°
Collins, Marvin Boyd -----32°	Kind, Donald Dean -----32°	McCarty, Glenn Patrick -----32°
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