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...NEW AND IMPROVED...

Schedule of Events

Be sure to mark your calendar

September

- Sept 1 Labor Day Holiday ----- Office will be closed
- Sept 2 Coffee & Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
Elmo Evening at the Center
Potluck Dinner ----- 6:30pm
Bring your favorite dish to share
(sides, salads, desserts, and breads are all welcomed)
We will provide the drinks
Ladies program ----- 7:30pm
Elmo Lodge ----- 7:30pm
Please RSVP by August 29th ----- (316) 263-4218
- Sept 9 Coffee & Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
- Sept 14 SUMMIT FOR THE FUTURE ----- Wichita Scottish Rite
- Sept 16 Coffee & Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
- Sept 23 Coffee & Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
- Sept 25 Free Lunch ----- 11:30am - 1:00pm
- Sept 30 Coffee & Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am

October

- Oct 3 Champagne & Chocolate ----- 6:00pm
- Oct 7 Coffee & Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
Elmo Lodge of Perfection ----- 7:00pm
- Oct 10 Scottish Rite Class ----- 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- Oct 11 Scottish Rite Class ----- 8:00am - 5:00pm
- Oct 14 Coffee & Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
- Oct 21 Coffee & Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
- Oct 28 Coffee & Donuts ----- 8:00am - 9:30am
- Oct 30 Free Lunch ----- 11:30am - 1:00pm

Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 30th
Wichita Scottish Rite Annex
3:00pm – 7:00pm

Call (316) 263-4218
to schedule your
appointment
to donate!

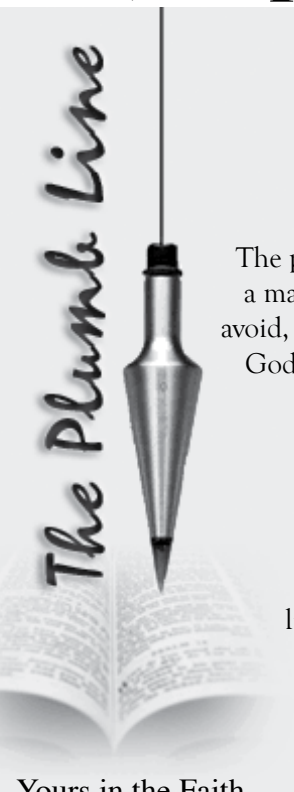
Help save a life!



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

Oh, Supreme Architect of the Universe, *what does the Bible teach us of the purpose of the Bible?*



"I am but a foreigner here on earth; I need the guidance of your commands. Don't hide them from me!" (Psalm 119:19)

THE BIBLE IS A MAP TO GUIDE US.

The psalmist says that he is a "foreigner here on earth," and so he needed guidance. Almost any long trip requires a map or guide. As we travel through life, the Bible should be our road map, pointing out safe routes, obstacles to avoid, and our final destination. We must recognize ourselves as pilgrims, travelers here on earth who need to study God's map to learn the way. If we ignore the map, we will wander aimlessly through life and risk missing our real destination.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105)

THE BIBLE IS A LIGHT FOR OUR LIFE.

To walk safely in the woods at night we need a light so we don't trip over tree roots or fall into holes. In this life, we walk through a dark forest of evil. But the Bible can be our light to show us the way ahead so we won't stumble as we walk. It reveals the entangling roots of false values and philosophies. Study the Bible, so you will be able to see your way clear enough to stay on the right path.

Yours in the Faith,

PAX
{Latin for Peace}

ALAN A. AAGAARD, 33^o
ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN

On Friday, July 18th, the Wichita Scottish Rite received some "TLC" from some McConnell Air Force military men. Organized by volunteers Kyle & Melissa Haydel, we had seven guys here sanding and painting the fifty year old fire escape.

It is now protected from the elements and maintenance engineer Tony Nelzen estimates that we saved about 90 man hours.

GREAT WORK, GUYS!!!



It is hard to believe that summer is over already, but here we are talking about September and October already! Seems like there has been a lot going on for what is usually a quiet period at the Center. We have hired an Event Manager, Mike Williamson, 32° has accepted the position and has been learning about our operation as well as working with the marketing firm we have hired to help us improve our presence in the community as well as making people more aware of our event business. That includes everything from updating our website and Facebook page, to developing new logos for the event business and working on promotional material. We are making a major effort to increase our event business with a focus on getting more business-oriented functions during the week. Our wedding and reception business continues to be an important part of our efforts and we are continuing to work on that as well. We have more competition now from some of the new venues in Wichita so we need to get our name out in front of potential customers. Part of Mike's job will be to get our operation in front of the business community and show them what we can offer for their business meetings, seminars or customer events. As I have said previously, our event business is what is keeping the doors open and it has been declining over the last several years so it is vital that we make an all-out effort to build up the business.

Membership continues to be another issue that we need to give attention to and to work hard on if we want to continue as a viable organization. Part of our marketing effort will focus on that aspect as well, but we feel it is more important right now to boost our event business. Membership is not being ignored, however, our SGIG has formed a group to look at what the Orient needs to do to attract and retain new members. The "SUMMIT FOR THE FUTURE" met in June, and will meet again in September, to continue working on the plan for improving membership Orient-wide. If you would like to be a part of the team, let me, or Ill. Hugh know, and we will get you hooked up. Wichita hosted the Grand Master's C2A class on August 9th which was a statewide event to bring in new blue lodge Masons, (that is where our membership comes from) so the more we can help with that process the better off we are! We look forward to working with the Grand Lodge again in November, at the Leadership Conference in Topeka.

While we are talking about membership, I was reminded this week that sometimes we spend too much time and effort on looking for new members and ignore our current members. We have had a couple of brothers who have been ill and in the hospital that we did not do a good job of keeping up with. We have several men in Wichita who are willing to make visitations and check on brothers who are ill or distressed, but the problem is we do not always know about them. The **BROTHER-TO-BROTHER** program was originally designed for keeping in touch with our membership at all times, not just at dues time, unfortunately, we have not done a good job of the first part of that program. What I would ask is that you check on your circle of friends within the Scottish Rite periodically just to see how they are doing, if you find out that they maybe need some assistance or would just like to visit with a brother for a while, give us a call at the office to let us know so we can get in touch with them. Also, if you would like to be a part of a **BROTHER-TO-BROTHER** committee that contacts members of the Scottish Rite, just to see how they are doing and to keep in touch with them, please let me know. You can eMail me at scott@wichitascottishrite.org or just call the office and let them know you are willing to help. I am just starting to get this idea off the ground so I don't have all of the details worked out on how this committee will work, but if we have enough brothers who are willing to spend some time calling, just to say Hi, we will make it work!

Well, as usual, I have used up all of my allotted space and a good portion of everyone else's, so I had better stop here. I trust you had a great summer and are now ready to jump back in to the fray, join us when you can, our September Elmo Lodge meeting will include a potluck dinner prior to the meeting; we have the Champagne & Chocolate fund raiser for the WSU RiteCare clinic on October 3rd; followed by our Fall Reunion on October 10th & 11th; I look forward to seeing you at those events!

Fraternally,
R. Scott Kailer, 33°
Personal Representative



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FROM THE **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK**

Brother Scottish Rite Masons.

I hope you are getting my "Robo-Calls". We are trying to remind everyone of the activities that are going on with our members. If you have time come by and meet Mike Williamson, our new Event manager. He will be going out to talk to businesses and companies about what we can offer to help with

workshops, conferences, and seminars. I'm excited about the new direction we are going with a person going to businesses and companies, and putting the Scottish Rite Center in front of the public. I believe, the more we make people aware of who we are and what we do for society and the community, more men will want to be a part of our organization.



Ill. Jim Davenport, 33°
Executive Secretary

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

FROM THE **EVENT MANAGER'S DESK**

Hello brother Scottish Rite Masons.

For those that I haven't already met, I would like to formally introduce myself to all of you, my name is Mike Williamson, I have been given the opportunity to be included in a new chapter in the long tradition here at the Valley of Wichita Scottish Rite. My job is to seek out new life forms, no I mean, NEW ways to improve our bottom line through wedding/reception

rentals, events, business meetings, etc. to maintain AND improve this beautiful historic gem that we know as the Wichita Scottish Rite Center. I will be actively going out to encourage individuals and businesses in the Wichita Metro Area to seriously look at us as their next event location. But the best advertisement we can have is our members, spread the word that the Wichita Scottish Rite is the RIGHT choice for their next event on any day of the week, not just the weekends!



Mike Williamson, 32°
Event Manager

Fraternally,
Mike Williamson, 32°
Event Manager

"They Remain in our Hearts"

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