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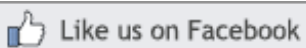
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VMAP

The VMAP newsletter is being revamped and will return soon.



November 14, 2016

RiteCare for Kids

Join us on February 3, 2017 for a night of fun and to support a great cause. Follow the link below for more information and to purchase your tickets.

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Venerable Master Elmo Lodge

A Message from the Venerable Master Brothers,

I want to introduce myself. My name is Tony Nelzen and I am the Venerable Master for Elmo Lodge of Perfection for 2017. Some of you may know that I am head of Maintenance at the Scottish Rite. I could not do the work without the help of Noah Ordoyne, brothers Leroy Roseberry 32°, Van McLemore 33°, Ross Smith 33° and many others that lend a hand.

During my year, as Venerable Master, I would like to address the subject of communication. It is difficult to recruit or retain members or promote the fraternal element of Masonry unless we can communicate. One solution is to bring back a printed newsletter. Brother Mike Snively, KCCH has volunteered to start a print version of the Double Eagle for brothers who don't have email or just want a printed copy of the newsletter. We will keep you up to date on the progress.

There are a LOT of events and organizations that meet at our building. Did you know there are both a ladies and men's barbershop group that meets every week? They are always on the look-out for talent. Richard & Deb Campbell provide a theatrical outlet to adults and kids through Signature Theatre. We have coffee & doughnuts every Tuesday morning. The last Thursday of every month we hold a free lunch for members and their guests. The Sunday before Free Lunch we have an all-you-can-eat Family Lunch for \$10 per person. Take out is also available for those who prefer to pick up your meal and head for home.

Menus for the entire year are available.

If you would like to become more involved there are also some committees that we are trying to put together to provide a better experience for all our Scottish Rite members. Most of all I would like to be able to help our Blue Lodges. As a Scottish Rite we have contact with many Lodges, creating a greater base of men. The goal is to make use of that to help the lodges increase their numbers.

As you can see, there is a lot to do and during this next year I hope to be able to see you at the Scottish Rite.

Planning for the Future

As I said in the last newsletter the next phase of our Planning for the Future is to begin the Endowment Campaign for the Center.

Matthew T. Szramoski, 33°, IGH

Director of Development

**Supreme Council, 33° | Scottish Rite of
Freemasonry, SJ, USA will be assisting us in**

developing a plan focused on Planned Giving and grants as they are available. Ill. Szramoski has put the resources of his group at our disposal and has offered several suggestions on how to proceed with our campaign. We will be working with Matt over the next couple of months to put together a program that can be presented in January.

State of the Valley Meeting

State of the Valley Meeting – Wednesday,
November 16, 2016 6:30 PM

The State of the Valley meeting will include updates on the results of our fiscal year ended 9/30/16, the Wichita Zombie Shoot, the Orient of Kansas Reunion and other items of interest. This is intended to be an information sharing meeting so along with the leadership providing updates it is important the membership bring up any issues, concerns or successes that should or need to be discussed. We want this to be a valuable use of your time where information is shared and questions can get answered. It is not a general "bitch" session, if you see a problem that needs to be addressed, bring it up but be prepared to offer some recommendations for solving the problem.

Orient of Kansas Reunion at the Valley of Wichita

The First Ever Orient of Kansas Reunion is now history! We had 20 Candidates from several Valleys and about 75 members in attendance. The degree work was well done and it gave us all an opportunity to see how the work is done in each of the Valleys.

Much good information was shared with the candidates and those who wished to sit in on the degree communication and it was a

good opportunity to meet fellow Scottish Rite Masons from the different Valleys. We had several Past Grand Masters present along with several current Grand Lodge officers all joined by two 33rd degree Grand Cross members. Ill. Brent Morris, 33, GC was present for the weekend to help with degree communication and was the keynote speaker for the closing banquet Sunday evening.

Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Coffee and Donuts, every Tuesday 8:00 am to 9:30 am – Come and join in the fellowship and good company.

State of the Wichita Valley Meeting – Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 PM, Wichita Scottish Rite Center. A lite dinner will be served prior to the meeting, donations will be gratefully accepted.

Sunday Family Dinner – Sunday Nov 20 – 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM \$10 all you can eat Tacos & Fajitas.

Thanksgiving – The office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25.

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