

The Scottish Rite HERALD

News from the Valley of Kansas City



Edition I

February, 2010

Greetings from the Valley of Kansas City.

At the direction of the Venerable Master, Kevin L. Hampton, 32°, we are resurrecting the Scottish Rite Herald newsletter.

A few years ago, the Herald mailings were stopped due to the ever increasing costs to publish and mail (exceeded \$12,000.00 year for 4 editions). With dwindling funds that were needed to sustain the temple it was determined that using an electronic newsletter could serve the same function at a much lower cost however, while the excellent RITE START weekly email has, since that time, provided members with timely information, it reaches less than 400 individuals in our fraternity.

To control costs and reach as many people as possible, we are adding this mailing to our communications effort but will be sending it only to club presidents and secretaries and committee chairmen in the Valley. The costs of these mailings are being handled privately with no expense to the Valley.

Each month you will receive an edition that we request you read at your club meeting. We will include upcoming events and messages from the various masters that will help everyone stay better informed.

If you have news that you would like to see included in this mailing regarding your local group send an email to mastermason@kc.rr.com or mail your news to Ron Hewitt, Club Coordinator, 5001 NW 83rd Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64151. You can even phone in your information to 816-820-0068.

Spring Reunion

The spring reunion is set for Friday, April 23rd and Saturday, April 24th. Everything will start at 5:00 pm on Friday with registration and dinner with the Opening ceremonies slated for 6:30 pm. The 4th, 9th, 10th 11th, 13th and 14th degrees will be staged following the opening. The 5th through 8th degrees as well as the 12th degree will be communicated in the lodge room

Saturday opens at 6:00 am with breakfast and then the 18th, 29th, 30th and 32nd degrees will be staged with the remainder of the degrees communicated in the lodge room. The day will wind up with lunch in the new 5th floor dining hall. The formal capping ceremony will take place in the auditorium on Wednesday, May 26th following our Stated Dinner.

There are a number of duties that need volunteers for the weekend event. Not the least of these is mentoring the candidates. If you are a first line signer, you have an obligation to your candidate to be present and support them as much as possible. If you cannot be there, make sure you have made arrangements for a brother to cover for you. Members are needed to act in degrees, verify credentials, serve meals, work back stage and most importantly, be present in the auditorium during the presentation of degrees. If you would like to help call the Valley Office at 816-561-3770 and let the executive Secretary know when you are available.

We are excited about the degree presentations at this springs reunion. You will see some degrees that haven't been presented in a long time and there will even be a few surprises!

Meet your Venerable Master Kevin L. Hampton, 32°



Our Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection joined the Scottish Rite in 2006. In those 4 short years Brother Kevin has thrown himself into the fraternity. He has served as the President of the Clay-Platte Club, Flight Commander of the Royal Order of Ducks and Board member of the CLDC. Kevin has served on the Temple Board of Directors, lead the Temple Guard and is a Certified Building Manager at the Temple.

He has parts in most of the Lodge of Perfection degrees and when he's not on stage, he is usually found back stage or assisting with Lighting or sound. On top of all this Brother Hampton maintains the purse strings as Treasurer of the Clay-Platte and Raytown Scottish Rite Clubs. He is the Worshipful Master of Kearney Lodge #311 and Senior Warden at Camden Point Lodge #169.

Kevin is 49 years old and works as the Lead Technician at Heartland Chevrolet. He makes his home in Liberty Missouri with his wife Karen and son Jacob who is active in DeMolay.

Those of us who have had the pleasure to know and work with our Venerable Master recognize him as the epitome of what every Master Mason should strive to be. The Valley is extremely fortunate to have him lead the Lodge of Perfection.

Meet your Wise Master, Curtis Wilson, 32°

Brother Curtis joined the Scottish Rite in 1992 and has served in many rolls in the Valley. He is active in the Shrine and served as the Treasurer of the Temple Guard for a number of years and served on the CLDC Board of Directors.

Curtis makes his home in Trimble Missouri with his lovely wife Olivia. He is a member and Past Master of Adelphi Lodge #355 in Edgerton Missouri and been an active member of the Chapter Rose Croix since first taking a chair in 2006.



**2010
Calendar
Books
are in process.
Watch for them
coming soon!**

Membership News

"2 in 10" and "3 in 10" Programs announced

Brother 'Woody' Woodward is encouraged by the potential for growth the Scottish Rite in 2010. Recognizing all that is involved to bring in new men, Brother Woodward announced two programs to recognize the efforts that members put forth to grow the ranks.

In 2010 every member who top-line signs two will receive a "Leader of Membership" lapel pin. The pin, specially made for the Kansas City Valley, will be unique and one that you can proudly wear with you double eagle.

Members who first line sign three masons will receive a handsome monogrammed portfolio again, recognizing them as a leader of Membership. The portfolios, again like the pins, will be unique and only available to those who achieve the goal of three new members.

Life Endowment encouraged

Now with a letter of intent available at the Valley office and \$100.00 you can set up a payment program to pay your Life Membership. Current Life Membership prices are \$1,500— 20 to 59 years of age; \$975.00—60 to 69 and \$650.00 for brothers 70 and over. For more information on these programs contact Woody Woodward (csmwoodward@sbcglobal.net) or the Valley offices.

Meet your Commander of the Council of Kadosh, Distinguished Brother Daniel Sewing, 32°, KCCH

Distinguished Brother Sewing has been an active member of the Valley since joining in 2001. He has served as Flight Commander of the Royal Order of the Ducks and as a board member of the Temple Association.

He has served on the Council line since 2005 and is Past Master of East Gate Lodge #630.

Dan makes his home in Raymore Missouri with his wife Christy and two children, Coleton and Mason. At 37, our Commander is the youngest of the four Masters.



Meet your Master of Kadosh Consistory, Distinguished Brother Stewart L. Middleton, 32°, KCCH



Distinguished Brother Middleton joined the Scottish Rite in the Fall of 1993. Since 2008 he has been Chairman of the Spotlight Committee and is letting other men who continue to "search for more light" know that it is located in the auditorium and that the committee could use a few operators to "enlighten" as it were, the cast members of the degrees. Brother Stewart is a member of Albert Pike Lodge #219 and makes his home in Independence. He has served as an officer of the Council of Kadosh since 2006.

IMPORTANT DATES

— For February—

Rentals

Volunteers Needed

Feb 19th: Comedy Show

Feb 27th: DeMolay Conclave

Valley Club Meetings

Feb 4th: Sedalia Club Mtg.
Sedalia Masonic Center

Feb 9th: Raytown Club Mtg.
Old Sultans Lounge, Ararat Shrine

Feb 12th: Bates County Club Mtg.
Flaming Lantern, Butler, MO

Feb 15th: Clay-Platte Club Mtg.
Paul and Jacks, N. Kansas City

Feb 23rd: Knights of St., Andrew
Mtg. At Scottish Rite Temple

Feb 24th: Monthly Dinner Mtg.
Scottish Rite Temple

Feb 25th: Benton County Club
mtg. at Maxine's, Warsaw, MO

Feb 27th: Sedalia Breakfast Mtg.
Sedalia Best Western

The Masters Are Coming!

This spring the Masters of the Valley and a contingency of officers will be visiting the clubs of the Kansas City Valley.

Between now and May 14th we would like to attend your club meeting to share with you all the changes that have happened at the valley and what you can expect in the coming year. The messages are upbeat and exciting!

There will be time to ask questions of each individual and hopefully gain a better understanding of what their roll in our future is.

The objective here is to improve communication in the Valley. For too long information has really been slow to get out. Frequently, when it did, it ended up missing some of the valuable points

and occasionally became twisted in it's final delivery.

The messages on the future, membership, growth and finance will be the same at each stop and come from the same people so you can expect consistency from club to club.

Plan to attend your club for this event. It's your opportunity to be part of the future.

The current schedule calls for visits as follows. If your club hasn't responded, please get in touch with the Club Coordinator, Ron Hewitt 816-820-0068 (Ron99@kc.rr.com) to confirm your date.

February 15th—**CONFIRMED**
Clay-Platte Scottish Rite Club

March 4th—**CONFIRMED**
Sedalia Scottish Rite Club

March 9th—**CONFIRMED**
Raytown Scottish Rite Club

March 25th
Benton County Scottish Rite Club

April 27th—**CONFIRMED**
Knights of St. Andrew Group

May 14th
Bates County Club

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Valley of Kansas City
1330 E. Linwood Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64109

ARE YOU A SCOTTISH RITE AMBASSADOR?

Scottish Rite Ambassadors represent the Valley of Kansas City in their Blue Lodges, sharing news of the Valley and answering questions that may arise about Scottish Rite Masonry.

Qualified individuals must be active in their local lodge as well as in the Rite. Contact the Membership Chairman to become an Ambassador of the Scottish Rite for your Lodge.

