

# The Scottish Rite HERALD

*News from the Valley of Kansas City*



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**Edition II**

**March, 2010**

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## **Greetings from the Valley of Kansas City.**

Welcome brethren to the second edition of the new Herald. This was the brain-child of some of your leadership team from the Valley who met at the Leadership conference in January. It was felt, at that time, that there was not enough written communication in the Valley. Hopefully, this will help to add to a better understanding of where the Valley is, what's happening and what will be happening in the future.

A brother asked me, not too long ago, why it is that I participate so much in the Valley, in the events, rentals and other activities. It's pretty simple. I love freemasonry and what the Scottish Rite stands for. Albert Pike wrote that "Masonry is Work" and I knew after reading that passage that my work would never be done. Participation in Valley events is key to our success. While participating, the principles of the Scottish Rite actually take on a life and become meaningful to me instead of just being words on paper.

We welcome each of you to attend as many Valley functions as possible. It's understood that no one can attend every function and still have time for their employment, their families or other activities in their lives however, your participation will provide further opportunity to improve yourself in freemasonry.

Fraternally,  
Michael L. Mack, 33°  
Past Master of Kadosh,  
Past Editor, Scottish Rite Herald

*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](mailto: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.*

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## **Spring Reunion—Call For Petitions**

Petitions, petitions, petitions, it's all about the candidates and getting those petitions in as soon as possible. So much of the planning for these reunions (purchases for label pins and prayer caps, snacks, soft drinks, meals and more) is centered on the number of candidates that will be attending. Early petitions are critical to the success of everyone's efforts. Often we will go into the week prior to the reunion with only a couple of petitions and in the course of 7 days grow to 20 or 30 candidates. If you have a candidate for the degrees and are holding the petition until you have their money, don't. You can send in the petition now and they can pay on Friday when they attend the reunion itself. Allowing everyone to better plan makes us all look better and everything run smoother.

The spring reunion week starts on Thursday, April 22nd with a Welcome and Orientation get together for candidates and their wives. Current members are also invited to join the Knights of St. Andrew who sponsor this event as we help candidates and their Ladies better understand what they can expect in Scottish Rite Masonry. The evening begins at 7:00 pm with refreshments and usually runs till 9:30 or so. The reunion itself begins on Friday, April 23rd and finishes up on Saturday, April 24th. Everything will start at 5:00 pm Friday with registration and dinner. The Opening ceremonies are set 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  
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## A Message From The Venerable Master

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During the past month many events have occurred in the Valley.

In February the officers made their first club visit and were well received. At the Clay-Platte meeting, with three of the four lines represented, very promising messages were presented. I look forward to visiting all the clubs this spring to not only bring my message for 2010 but to hear what you need from the Valley.

So far, in February, the Valley has hosted two events at the temple; a comedy show rental and a personal safety course for women, the latter presented by the Kansas City Police Department. Both events were well attended by the public and received great support from the Brethren of the Valley who volunteered to work. These public events give the Valley an opportunity to shine and present our fraternity to the community in a positive manner. The KCPD sponsored event had the added benefit of television coverage by channel 4, Fox and channel 41, KSHB. The Brothers who volunteered their time to work the lights, sound, stage, security, concessions and greeters made it all possible since, we could not have hosted these events without their help. We need your help at all these events. A small group of men can only do so much without "burning out" we need to work together as a group to make these rentals successful and to continue to generate the income our Valley needs. If you can help please call the Temple at 816-561-2277 and let them know when you can assist with an upcoming rental.

There are some really exciting things happening in the Valley this year.

Brother Ron Hewitt, 32°, KCCH, has handed the valley store over to Brothers Ron O'Neil 32° and Denver Harris, 32°. Both brothers are committed to the continued success of our store. Stop in and see them at the next stated meeting. Brother Hewitt will be focusing his time on his duties as Club Coordinator for the Valley.

Regarding Stated Dinner Meetings, have you heard about the meals that are now being served? We have a new caterer and all I can say is the food is outstanding.

The Knights of Saint Andrew hosted their second annual Burns Supper in celebration of the birthday of Scottish Poet, and Freemason Robert Burns. This group comprised of "Black Hats" is steadily growing into one of the most active groups within our Valley. They created and host the New Member Orientation, that takes place on the Thursday evening before each reunion and have assumed the role of security within the valley as well as most of the duties previously handled by the Temple Guard. They are a welcome addition to our order.

We have an important fund raiser coming up that is designed to raise money for the Temple. The Clay-Platte club is presenting a fun "Casino-Royale" night in April and need everyone to get the word out to all the Members and their Blue Lodges to attend this event. The proceeds will go to support our Valley and the work we do.

The Lodge of Perfection will be staging the 4th, 9th, 10th, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13th and 14th degrees at the spring Reunion in April. Some of these degrees have not been presented for a number of years and will be refreshing to see.

The Masters that I have the honor to work with are an excellent group of Men. As we serve our terms, we all have the best interest of the Valley in mind. Remember that if there is anything I can do to assist you just let me know. You can reach me by phone at 816-792-1424 or by e-mail at [kcklh@aol.com](mailto:kcklh@aol.com) .

Kevin L. Hampton, 32°



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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.

**FINALLY! A Handicapped Entrance**

It's been a long time promised and a long time coming but we finally have a handicapped entrance to the Temple. While it still awaits warm weather for the cosmetic work on the outside and in, it is operational and ready to serve our members that find the stairs more than just a challenge.

It's simple to use: Go to the door on the ground level and open it. If it does not open it means that the lift is up. Push and hold the down lever till the lift descends to street level. Enter and close the door and press the up button. When the lift reaches the top simply open the door and come on in to the building!



**The Masters Are Coming!**

The Clay-Platte Club had the honor of welcoming the new Masters of the Valley along with a number of other Key Valley Officers on February 15th. The message they brought was enlightening and positive and well received by the club members.

We will be attending 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 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.

We will visit the clubs twice this year and our spring schedule is on the right. I urge each of you to consider those things that are most important to you and to think of questions you need answered from this group. They are representing you in the Scottish Rite and your input is important to the future of our fraternity. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your Club Coordinator, Ron Hewitt 816-820-0068(Ron99@kc.rr.com)

**IMPORTANT DATES**

— For February —

**Rentals**  
**Volunteers Needed**

- Mar 6th:** Anniversary Party
- Mar 13th:** 50th Birthday Party
- Mar 20th:** Wedding and Reception

**Valley Club Meetings**

- Mar 4th:** Sedalia Club Mtg.  
Sedalia Masonic Center
- Mar 9th:** Raytown Club Mtg.  
Old Sultans Lounge, Ararat Shrine
- Mar 12th:** Bates County Club Mtg.  
Flaming Lantern, Butler, MO
- Mar 15th:** Clay-Platte Club Mtg.  
Paul and Jacks, N. Kansas City
- Mar 23rd:** Knights of St., Andrew Mtg. At Scottish Rite Temple
- Mar 24th:** Monthly Dinner Mtg.  
Scottish Rite Temple
- Mar 25th:** Benton County Club mtg. at Maxine's, Warsaw, MO
- Mar 27th:** Sedalia Breakfast Mtg.  
Sedalia Best Western

**CLUB VISIT SCHEDULE**

- March 4th—**CONFIRMED**  
Sedalia Scottish Rite Club
- March 9th—**CONFIRMED**  
Raytown Scottish Rite Club
- March 25th—**CONFIRMED**  
Benton County Scottish Rite Club
- April 27th—**CONFIRMED**  
Knights of St. Andrew Group
- May 14th—**CONFIRMED**  
Bates County Club

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**COMING IN APRIL:**

# Casino Royale

*A fun filled evening of dinner, gaming  
and auction all to benefit the  
Kansas City Scottish Rite Temple  
and it's charities.*



*Sponsored by  
The Clay-Platte Scottish Rite Club  
See the enclosed insert for details!*



# CASINO ROYALE GALA

What: A Las Vegas style evening of food, fun, & gaming

Where: Kansas City Scottish Rite, 1330 Linwood, KCMO

When: April 10, 2010

Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

## Advanced Ticket Sales

\$40/ single; \$75/ couple

\$295/ table of eight

*Prices include dinner, 2 drink tickets & script to gamble with.  
Additional drink tickets or script for gaming and/or auction available for purchase.*

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE at:**

<http://kcsrscasinoroyale.myevent.com/>

*A transaction fee will be applied to purchases on the website.*

Or Contact for ticket sales arrangements

Debbie Woehrman, 816.289.5257

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## Requested Attire

Women: Frocks, frills, and fascinators (hats, optional)

Men: Slacks & Jackets required, ties optional

Event sponsored by The Clay-Platte Scottish Rite Club. Proceeds to benefit the Kansas City Scottish Rite and The Childhood Language Disorders Clinic.

