



**Jerry B. Oliver**

**March 2019 Necrology for**

**A Lifetime of Service to the Craft**

**Brothers Lost During the Past Months**



On Thursday, January 17th, in the Red Room of the Minneapolis Valley, a momentous event occurred with the dedication of the new conference room named in honor of Illustrious Bro. Jerry Oliver, 33° Past

Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council. His official portrait that had been on display in the Supreme Council in Washington, D.C., will now be on display in the Jerry B. Oliver Conference Room of the Minneapolis Valley.

Many Masonic Dignitaries attended the event including Illustrious Bro. Tony Krall, Deputy to the Supreme Council, Ill. Bro. James Burlingame, Sr., 33° Grand Cross, and a number of dignitaries and guests from Minnesota Valleys, as well as large numbers of Past Grand Masters.

Each year a Lifetime Achievement Award is presented by the Minneapolis Consistory at the Scottie Awards. In 2018, Ill. Bro. Jerry Oliver, 33° was the recipient of this honor which was presented to him at the Dedication Ceremony. This award is in recognition of Jerry's long service to Freemasonry. This includes a number of positions in Blue Lodge including several terms as Worshipful Master, his Service to the Shrine, culminating in his term as Potentate, his many positions in the various bodies of York Rite, his work with the Eastern Star supporting his lovely wife Peg as the Grand Matron and his work with the Grotto along with many other modes of service to the Craft.

The award was then presented by Bro. Foster Solem, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:., Sitting Master of Kadosh of the Minneapolis Consistory, Ill. Bro. David Kampf, 33° Personal Representative of the Minneapolis Valley and Ill. Bro. Tony Krall, 33° Deputy to the Supreme Council.

Jerry's usual moving response, followed by an equally moving and heartfelt response from Peg was the highlight of the evening along with a great reception in the lower lounge after the event where everyone had a chance to give Jerry their best wishes.

Pictures of the Event are included throughout this Issue.



- **Carlton F. Anderson - December 3, 2018**
- **John W. Deger - January 8, 2019**
- **Raymond O. Hamer, 33° - January 4, 2019**
- **Arthur G. Haugen - December 1, 2018**
- **Harry A. Koehler, Jr. - December 14, 2018**
- **Elmer I. Malone - December 20, 2018**
- **Arlan K. Ross - September 20, 2018**
- **Chris F. Woods - November 7, 2018**

**eNews**



Jason L. Lang, 32° M.:R.:S.:

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# Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

## Lodge of Perfection



Brethren, I would like to say thank you to all the Committee Members, Line Officers, Heads of the Bodies and all the Brethren of the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite, and others in the Minnesota Orient who have assisted me over my Masonic journey thus far. We joined Masonry to

improve ourselves in Masonry and to help, aid, and assist those in need, including loved ones, friends, neighbors and Masonic brothers.

Let us not forget our Scottish Rite Philanthropy, "Rite Care," "Helping Children ages 3-8 Communicate" when they need us the most. Please donate monthly or yearly. If we could get every member to contribute to this cause it would benefit us greatly when we approach other Foundations for grants, as that is the first question they ask, "How many of your members contribute?" We would love to say 100% all voluntary.

Our Scottish Rite Building needs our care in oh so many ways: boiler, staging/rigging, window coverings, heating/air ventilation, new roof, sprinklers, and general maintenance. How can you help? Plan ahead and get your affairs in order so if you should happen to meet our Master Architect before you had planned, you are prepared. Have an Estate Plan, Will, Trust, set up, ready to go before you do. The good news is you can make changes as you discover "new horizons". Here are just a few to consider that are both 501(c)(3) Charities:

- Minneapolis Scottish Rite Building and Museum Foundation, Inc.
- [RiteCareMSP.Org](http://RiteCareMSP.Org)

Do your part to brighten our future by smiling, lending a hand to those in need and thanking one and all for their support in your Masonic Journey.

Fraternally,

Steven J. Stromsness, 33° I.:G.:H.:  
Venerable Master  
Lodge of Perfection  
Minneapolis Valley

## Knights of Saint Andrew

Fellow Knights,

I had the honor recently to speak for the Brother Knights in the red room to the spring class of this year. The size of the class and the quality of Brother in it certainly makes one hopeful moving forward. Now about the presentation... honestly how many of you showed up to see how badly I was going to bungle it? One, two, okay yes I get it, too many to count. But that's okay because my fellow Knights, current and emeritus bailed me out!

It was fun to have the nice sized group of new classmates as well as many hats of all colors. Being able to inform those new and old about some of the things that the KSA does on a regular basis for the Valley was a treat. Now onto my fellow Knights! How cool is it that several emeritus KSA members either asked questions or made statements about their own KSA experience? And seriously, they are all Brothers I hold in very high regard, the likes of Brothers Kay Moss, Monte Miller, Ted Martz among others. You gentlemen, by giving the new class your own personal thoughts and reflections about the Order, truly made me proud to be a member.

The thing is though; I am still going to take full credit for any new petitions that come in over this term. You guys were great and all, but, well, you know....

This is just one small part of why I love this fraternity. The thing is, it's small, but fills one up quite greatly in many different ways. So my Brothers until the next time that I see you keep the tank above empty and see you soon at our favorite filling station!

Kind regards,

Brad Pohlman, 32° M.:R.:S.:  
Knight Commander  
Minneapolis Valley KSA



# Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

## Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal and the Mystic Banquet

*[The Knight Rose Croix] replaces the three pillars of the old Temple, with three that have already been explained to you—Faith (in God, mankind, and man's self), Hope (in victory over evil, the advancement of Humanity, and a hereafter), and Charity (relieving the wants and tolerant of the errors and faults of others). To be trustful, to be hopeful, to be indulgent; these, in an age of selfishness, of ill opinion of human nature, of harsh and bitter judgment, are the most important Masonic Virtues, and the true supports of every Masonic Temple. And they are the old pillars of the Temple under different names. For he only is wise who judges others charitably; he only is strong who is hopeful; and there is no beauty like a firm faith in God, our fellows, and ourselves.*

Albert Pike, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander, 18°,  
KNIGHT ROSE CROIX, *Morals & Dogma*

## Letter from the Editor

*The beauty of Love, the charm of friendship, the sacredness of Sorrow, the heroism of Patience, the noble Self-sacrifice, these and their like, alone, make life to be life indeed, and are its grandeur and its power.*

Albert Pike, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander, 15°,  
KNIGHT OF THE EAST OR OF THE SWORD, *Morals & Dogma*

Dear Readers,

I want to thank each one of you for supporting not only your Newsletter, but also the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite. Since taking on the Editorship for this publication, I have received wise feedback for how the SUN could better meet the needs of our Valley. With that in mind, let me shed some light on what will happen with your newsletter over the summer.

The SUN will continue to be released on its bimonthly schedule, but the Newsletter will be going through a design update to give it a fresh look that also meets some of the feedback I have received. Rather than making these changes gradually, the goal is to implement this new design by the beginning of the fall class.

In the meantime, please continue to send in your feedback and articles! As I have said above, this is your newsletter, and all our Scottish Rite brethren can contribute. You can send your articles directly to me at [mprewett@outlook.com](mailto:mprewett@outlook.com). The only requirement is that articles need to be **less than 300 words**.

I am very excited to unveil these changes for you and to continue to bring your words to the brethren of our Valley.

Sincerely,

Mark Evan Prewett, 32° M.:R.:S.:

Editor for the SUN

The Minneapolis Chapter  
of the Rose Croix Presents:

**The Ceremony of  
Remembrance & Renewal  
and the Mystic Banquet**



*This is the night we honor those Brothers of the Valley who have passed into the Celestial Lodge Above and renew our ties as Scottish Rite Masons.  
It is an open event and all are welcome!*

**Thursday, March 21st**  
5:00 pm: Fellowship gathering in Downstairs Lounge  
6:00 pm: Ceremony in Auditorium  
6:30 pm: Social before dinner in Downstairs Lounge  
7:00 pm: Banquet in the Dining Hall



**\$35 Per Person  
Meal Choices:  
Prime Rib or  
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### Calendar

07 Mar. 23° & 24°  
14 Mar. 25° & 26° / **Red Room Presentation**  
21 Mar. **Remembrance and Renewal Feast**  
28 Mar. 27° / KSA Meeting / **Red Room Presentation**

02 Apr. Heads of the Bodies & Stated, Chapter  
Rose Croix Annual Meeting  
04 Apr. 28° & 29° / **Red Room Presentation**  
11 Apr. 31° / **Red Room Presentation**  
18 Apr. Spring Class Orientation  
20 Apr. Chapter Rose Croix Installation  
25 Apr. Spring Reunion 4°, 14° / KSA Meeting  
27 Apr. Spring Reunion 18°, 30°, & 32°

04 May Consistory Feast & Scotties Awards  
07 May Heads of the Bodies & Stated

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