

"Show Me" The Rite Way – Orient of Missouri

DeMolay Degrees at Scottish Rite Reunions???

The history of our Scottish Rite reveals that the DeMolays regularly conferred their Ritual Degrees at Scottish Rite Reunions. One notable Scottish Rite Reunion/DeMolay Initiation was announced by Illustrious Brother Vern Schneider, 33°, who was serving as Membership Chairman at the time. Brother Schneider eloquently noted:

Support of DeMolay is one of our most important activities. Therefore, it is appropriate for us to dedicate our June class to this great organization. As we do so, it will remind us that we can make a wise investment in the future of America as we devote ourselves to the building of DeMolay.

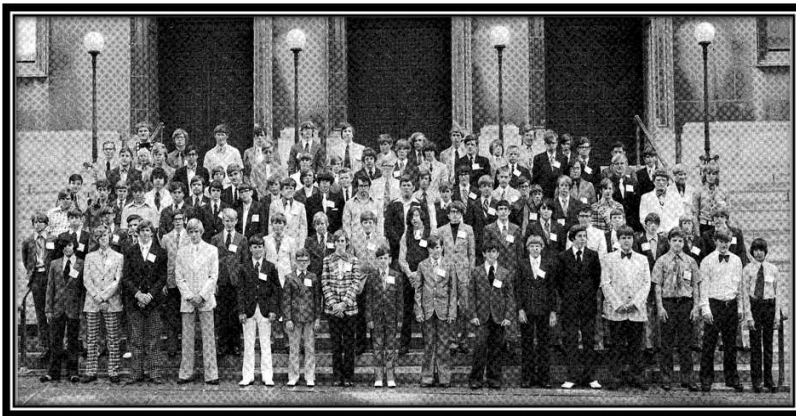


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I remember that day most vividly because that was the day I joined the Order of DeMolay at the Scottish Rite. My father was serving as Master of Kadosh of the Consistory and brought me with him to the Scottish Rite at 6:30 a.m. I sat on one of the metal folding chairs until 3 p.m. that afternoon when 110 young men joined the Order of DeMolay in the beautiful auditorium of the Scottish Rite Cathedral, between the Council of Kadosh Degrees and the Consistory Degrees. All Scottish Rite candidates and Master Masons also enjoyed the DeMolay Degrees. That was the period in history when the Scottish Rite in Missouri broke all records for membership, activities, and support of DeMolay.

The Scottish Rite Reunion was named the International DeMolay Class. This was not the first class named after DeMolay, however, it was a period in history when Scottish Rite was at its peak and relying heavily upon the young men of DeMolay to make and keep it so.

It was the DeMolay Ritual work in the Scottish Rite Cathedral coupled with the incredible speech given by Brother Daniel F. Cole that day that I will never forget and which encouraged a young kid who thought he wanted nothing to do with DeMolay to go on and want to serve the Order of DeMolay for the rest of his life. So it is true for so many others who were embraced by the brethren of the Scottish Rite – and the moral and important teachings of the Order of DeMolay – For God, For Country, For DeMolay. The DeMolay Class honored the new Grand Master, Illustrious Brother George Klepper, 33°. I challenge you to find your present S.G.I.G. (as a new DeMolay) in the class photograph. You are also challenged to find Illustrious Brother Daniel F. Cole, 33°, Past Grand Master, who was serving as the State Master Councilor of Missouri DeMolay at that time.



The beginnings of the Order of DeMolay are so deeply rooted in Missouri, where DeMolay was founded at the Scottish Rite by Dad Frank S. Land, 33°, Grand Cross. Alexander G. Cochran, 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Missouri, was the first Grand Master of the Order of DeMolay and served over eight years in that capacity, while also serving as Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Missouri. Through his leadership and his ties with those in the community through DeMolay, not only did the Scottish Rite receive magnanimous support, but the membership of the Scottish Rite came primarily from those young men who joined the Order of DeMolay, taking their degrees at a Scottish Rite altar.

Every Sovereign Grand Commander since its beginnings has been a tremendous supporter of the Order of DeMolay, and we have no finer leader in Scottish Rite than our present Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother Ronald A. Seale, 33°, who has fervently expressed:

Scottish Rite has a long and very positive association with DeMolay particularly in Missouri, wherein DeMolay can attribute its successful beginnings to Scottish Rite involvement.

Is it merely coincidence that the overwhelming support by the Scottish Rite of the Order of DeMolay led to the most successful years of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Missouri? It can again today. Our commitment as Master Masons to our DeMolays and, in particular, working with the young men in their Chapters and providing the proper and needed advice, encouragement and wisdom, is vital to the future of our Masonic fraternity. If you are not already serving as an advisor of a DeMolay Chapter, I encourage you to do so. And, if you want to see great Ritual and introduce Scottish Rite to young men, invite those DeMolays to perform their DeMolay Degrees at your Scottish Rite Reunions.

God Bless you and your families,



Ronald A. Seale

Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in Missouri



Show Me... The Valley of Columbia



June 28, 2008 Spring Reunion—Another Great Class!

Stephen Baldwin, Wentzville; Gary Baskett, Eldon; Donald Colvin, Iberia; Danny Elliott, Warrenton; Johnny Ernst, Boonville; Benjamin Goldschmidt, Columbia; Matthew James, Columbia; John Jones, Columbia; Billy Keener, Hallsville; Harold Knight, Columbia; Gregory Liles, Salisbury; Charles Machon, Dixon; Matt Morris, Jefferson City; Ray Nordwald, Stoutsville; Jimmie Riggins, Columbia; Peter Schmidt, Warrenton; Bryan Skiles, Columbia; Mason Talley, Benton City; and Steven Wright, Columbia. Shown with Personal Representative, Ill. Mitch Weinsting, 33°. Congratulations and welcome to our new 32° brothers and thanks to the “Crew”.



Pictured L to R Barry Cundiff, 32°; Kelley Snipes, 32°; Bob Daniels, 32° KCCH; Dr. Janet Gooch, Chairman of the Communication Disorders Department; Amy Little, Communication Disorders Graduate Student; Robert Barrett, 32°; and Rick Mansfield, 32°

North Central Scottish Rite Club and Kirksville RiteCare

Our North Central Scottish Rite Club and Kirksville RiteCare Advisory Committee earlier this year conducted our first fishing tournament to benefit our RiteCare program at Truman State University in Kirksville. It was a great success, especially being our very first local fundraiser in the North Central area. On September 3, 2008, a check in the amount of \$1,518.35 was presented to Dr. Janet Gooch of Truman State at the El Kadir Shrine Club.

Mark Your Calendar:

October 23: 4 Bodies Meeting and *Feast of Tishri*-RSVP to Secretary for Dinner Reservations. Election of 2009 Officers, short business. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., open to all.

December 6: Fall/Winter Reunion—Doors Open at 6:30 a.m., Work begins promptly at 7:45 a.m. and concludes at approximately 4:30 p.m. Lunch at 11:30.

December 20: Holiday Party—5:30 p.m.—Open To All!

Stop by and check out our new “Masonic Campus” sign and new patio.

Interested in becoming an officer or working in the degrees? Just ask!

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Show Me... The Valley of Joplin

As in any organization such as ours, membership is the name of the game. Thanks to the hard work of our Scottish Rite Clubs and individual members, the Valley of Joplin has enjoyed steady growth over the past. Our current Membership Chairman has developed two PowerPoint presentations designed for use with non-Scottish Rite Masons and the other for district membership meetings/clubs. Again, our Scottish Rite Club Chairman has kept the clubs up to speed. The following two articles give you an idea just how active and dedicated our clubs are:

Missouri Ridgerunners Scottish Rite Club

We've had another enjoyable and busy year. We are looking forward to our Annual Golf Tournament in Mountain Grove. It's a 2 Person Scramble and anyone can play! It's at the Randel-Hinkle Municipal Course on September 27th. The entry fee is \$45.00 per player (carts are extra) with flights and prizes based on the total entries. We are again including a hole-in-one prize for \$30,000. A meal is planned at the conclusion of the tournament. Plan to attend for a great time and an enjoyable day! The profits from our tournaments go to the Valley RiteCare program.

We hope to have fliers on the Valley and Ridgerunner websites before long. We are also planning a fall bass tournament and will try to get the word out quickly once a date is set.

Congratulations to Craig Carter, 32° our new President and Royce Wheeler, 32° our new Vice President. We wish them the best and look forward to their guidance. We want to thank Orvil Loge, 32° KCCH for his hard work as Past President. Thanks to the many members who work hard to help make our club what it is. A special thanks to our newer members for their enthusiasm and attendance. As everything gets more expensive (especially gas) we need to really look at contacting others about car pooling to our meetings and the Reunions. Many would appreciate the offer of a free ride and I'm sure it would increase our attendance.

We have had some really good weather but it's sure hot now. We are definitely looking forward to cooler weather and the Fall Reunions. We hope to see you at the One-Day Reunion in Waynesville, our Golf Tournament in Mtn. Grove, and the Fall Reunion in Joplin.

Ridgerunner Secretary, David Gray

Knights Commander Court of Honour, 32°

Thanks to everyone who has helped with our activities. We have sold a lot of Cajun peanuts and popcorn. Our shotgun raffle was successful and Beth Lawson of Joplin was the lucky winner! We already have another shotgun raffle underway and tickets have been mailed out to the KCCH members. It's another Remington 12 ga. Model 870 Express Combo to raffle off. This combo includes a 28" vented rib Mod. Rem™ Choke field barrel and a 20" rifle-sighted fixed Improved Cylinder deer barrel. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Our KCCH Golf Tournament is October 11th at the Windmill Ridge Golf Course in Monett. Put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. We are looking for golfers as well as sponsors! Rick Anderson and Pete Christodoulou are again in charge of this event. We have reserved the course for the whole day--get your reservations in now for a fun filled day. If you don't golf come on down and help. The proceeds from our popcorn and peanut sales as well as our golf tournament will all go to the Valley Rite Care Program. Just like any other charitable program, the Valley Rite Care Program needs money to operate. We need and ask for your help and support. The more money we have available, the more children we will be able to help!!

David Gray, KCCH President

Of course membership's main place in the Scottish Rite has several obligations: Attending meetings and reunions, and getting involved in Scottish Rite activities and clubs. Whether we want to admit it or not, **KEEPING DUES CURRENT** is vital to our existence. Without the members paying dues, we stand to fail in spreading the light of Freemasonry. So, no matter if you're active or if you can only pay dues, please keep your dues current. If you find yourself in a position that finances or health problems are keeping you from paying your dues, please contact your Valley Office and we'll work together at finding a suitable solution.

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Show Me... The Valley of Kansas City



THE VALLEY OF KANSAS CITY HOSTS BENEFIT CONCERT

On July 25, the Valley of Kansas City hosted the world famous Platters. This sensational band took the house by storm, playing hits like "Only You" and "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes". Volunteers from the Valley clubs, the Job's Daughters, DeMolay, and Shriners all joined together to help make the concert a success. At one point during the night, as "Soul Train" was being performed, the audience formed a train around the auditorium, with Tom Truman 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh, in the middle of the train.

KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW HOLD KNIGHTING CEREMONY

On the 27th of August, the Knights of St. Andrew were reinstated in Kansas City, with a knighting ceremony. Brother Archie Fletcher was the Master of Ceremonies, performing the knighting duties for the reinstated Chapter. Brother Fletcher performed the ceremony, explaining the history behind the creation of the Order of the Knights of St. Andrew. Brother Steve Heflin will be the inaugural Venerable Master. The new Knights of St. Andrew have already recruited a dozen Black Hat members and are ready to be a solid contributor to the Valley. The Knights of St. Andrew is an auxiliary group within the Valley for Black Hat 32nd degree Master Masons. The purpose of the Knights of the St. Andrew is to be a service to the Valley of Kansas City. Watch the Weekly Rite Start for a list of events. If you are a Black Hat 32nd degree Master Mason and looking for an opportunity of service and fraternalism, contact Steve Heflin at 816.429.6215 or stevendheflin CPA@gmail.com. Or check out our website <http://www.scottishrite-kcmo.org/kosa/>.

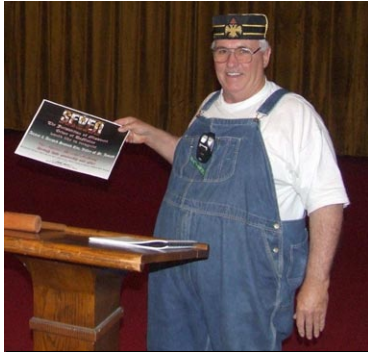


VALLEY OF KANSAS CITY HOLDS WEEKLY BREAKFAST DISCUSSION

The Valley of Kansas City has long held a Masonic discussion on Sunday morning, including a wonderful fresh breakfast. After a brainstorming session, the group decided to limit its attendees to Scottish Rite Masons and limit their discussions to degrees related to the Scottish Rite. The group studies each of the 29 degrees, one each month. For the month of September, the 5th degree, that of Perfect Master, was studied. Before the discussion, attendees are presented with the public domain text of each degree from Morals and Dogma. After breakfast, all who are not members of the discussed degree are dismissed, and members retire to the Lodge Room. Each part of the degree are discussed, including lectures, props, movements, and messages. Breakfast begins at 9:00 each Sunday at the Scottish Rite Temple, 1330 Linwood Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64109. All Scottish Rite members are encouraged to attend and be a part of this fantastic learning experience. For more information, visit the Valley website at www.scottishrite-kcmo.org, 816-561-2277, or contact Frank Kaffenberger at fkaffen@itontheweb.com

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Show Me... The Valley of St. Joseph



Bro. Marion Boydston, 32°

Missouri DeMolay Recognizes St. Joseph AASR

Brother Marion Boydston attended the DeMolay State Conclave this summer, where he accepted a certificate of appreciation from Missouri DeMolay on behalf of the Valley of St. Joseph. He presented the certificate to the Valley at its June 5th meeting. Mochila Chapter, International Order of DeMolay began holding its monthly meetings on the first Thursday of the month last September, which coincides with the monthly meeting date of the Valley. These combined meetings allow the chapter to update the Scottish Rite membership on DeMolay activities at each meeting. It also allows our membership to meet the young men, show its support and view the ritual.

Educational Instruction Added to Valley Meetings

Brother Pat Squires, Education Director, has begun adding a short educational and instructional program to each meeting. In these programs, Brother Squires discusses part of the ritual in an effort to add interest to the business meetings. In the future, he also plans to take advantage of the new Valley classrooms and conduct study sessions to assist brothers enrolled in the AASR Master Craftsman programs based on *The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide* by Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, as well as *A Bridge to Light* by Rex Hutchens, 33°, Grand Cross.



Bro. Pat Squires, 32° KCCH

Work Continues on St. Joseph Temple

The Valley of St. Joseph is continuing its initiative of increased building maintenance and improvements. Not only are systems in the 1975 building aging and wearing out, but the increased usage from a full time tenant and many more people in the building are also causing additional stress on the facilities. This past summer, the Valley patched the roof and entirely replaced the guttering. The parking lot was patched, re-stripped and resealed. Brothers Leroy Salmon, 32° KCCH, and Lonnie Morris, 32° KCCH, made emergency repairs to the air conditioning system, and the Valley also recently replaced its water heater. Missouri Western, the Valley's tenant, has replaced the carpeting and furniture in the lobby and has added two new classrooms between the lobby and cafeteria, giving the building entrance a new look.

St. Joseph Rings the Dinner Bell

St. Joseph has re-instituted the tradition of having a dinner before each of its meetings. The menu includes a meat dish, side vegetables and dessert. At one of our upcoming meetings, Brother Bill Swope, 32° KCCH, has promised to include his award winning chili on the menu. The Valley asks a donation of \$5 for the meal, which has served to provide an informal atmosphere of fellowship before the meetings. All reports indicate no one goes away hungry.

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Show Me... The Valley of St. Louis



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Greetings St. Louis Scottish Rite Brethren!

I'm honored to write this column on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Cathedral Preservation Association and I'm excited to have the opportunity to briefly describe our recent accomplishments.

At our Annual Meeting in April, Harvey Soule, 32°, KCCH, was appointed President of the Board and Dennis Fetter, 32°, KCCH, was appointed Vice President.

Also, the board formed a committee to assess and to prioritize projects that will improve our Cathedral. The board has met for two quarterly board meetings since then and has approved funding for a number of improvements to our Cathedral. In fact, if you haven't visited lately, you'll be pleased to see the recently renovated dining room restrooms. The main goal of this renovation was to enable the Cathedral to appeal to discerning clients interested in renting our dining room facility for weddings or corporate affairs, thus increasing revenue potential for the Valley.



Remodeled Lodge Room/DeMolay Chapel

You'll also be pleased to see that we have installed windows in our skywalk between our parking garage and Cathedral, thereby averting safety concerns and sheltering our brethren and visitors from the wind and weather. We have continued to install new heating throughout the Cathedral as we follow a multi-phase plan to replace the almost 85-year-old steam lines. We are in the process of installing new showers in the Dorm level restrooms for the convenience of our brethren from out of town who choose to stay here during our Reunion weekends.

Work has continued in renovating our third floor Lodge Room/DeMolay Chapel. Platforms have been built for the East, West, and South, and the room has been carpeted and furnished. Jay Traxel, 32°, KCCH, is to be commended for his devotion to the Rite for volunteering countless hours masking and painting this space. He is also responsible for painting our East Gallery which features a beautiful faux stone finish. Also, we owe a debt of gratitude to Eugene Burnett, 32°, KCCH, who has donated many hours of his time installing various electrical requirements/upgrades throughout the Cathedral. Illustrious Dave Swinney, 33°, along with our Treasurer, Pete Cauchon, 32°, have been irreplaceable in preparing us for our 2007 IRS Form 990 return. Additionally, many other members have donated their time and talents to better our facility; we have been honored to accept their help. I encourage any member that is interested in volunteering their time and talents as a tradesman to contact me to join us in our facility improvement efforts.

To those brethren who have previously donated money to the Scottish Rite Cathedral Preservation Association, please accept our sincere gratitude. These donations help to fund our efforts in returning the Cathedral to its former splendor. Also, please consider the Scottish Rite Cathedral Preservation Association in your estate planning; your benevolent gifts would help to ensure that future generations of Scottish Rite Masons would benefit from your legacy. The Scottish Rite Cathedral Preservation Association, Inc. is designated 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Code and all donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Feel free to contact me at 314-533-7410 should you have any questions or concerns regarding our magnificent Cathedral. May God bless all of you.

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Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri



From the Administrator's Desk:

The constant refrain I hear these days seems to be, "I can't believe the price of [blank]!" Sadly, it's become somewhat of an American motto. We've all been in a state of "sticker shock" thanks to the rising costs of fuel, electricity and food, just to name a few.

Well, this issue is no different for the thousands of not-for-profit organizations in existence today. We, too, feel the pain of the lagging economy. In fact, the problem is actually greater and more complex for the not-for-profit. While our daily operating expenses are also increasing, the need for our charitable services

is constant and growing. The Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri, for example, is now torn between rising operating expenses and the growing demand for charitable services such as speech therapy, hearing aids and scholarships. Revenues from donations are also a concern as charitable giving is typically the first "expendable" cost to be cut from most strained budgets. More simply stated: Increasing expenses + Decreasing donations = The dreaded "double whammy". Clearly, the detrimental effects of the slow economy are compounded for the not-for-profit.

However, YOU can help. You are needed more now than ever before. While the Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri is always appreciative of its many generous benefactors and supporters, it is in today's tough economic times that we depend most on donations and public support. It is through the compassion and generosity of others that the Foundation is able to carry on with its mission of serving deserving children throughout the State of Missouri.

No donation amount is too small and every donation is significant. What matters most is that you have joined in our efforts to make a positive difference in the life of a child. Making a donation is easy: Just send your check to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Missouri at the address listed below. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest amount allowed by law.

Together, we will make a difference. I believe Henry Ford said it best, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

May God continue to bless you and yours,
Wendy K. Missey
Foundation Administrator

Donors Recognized for Their Generous Support.....

Very special thanks are in order for the following donors in recognition of their generous support and a heartfelt welcome to the "Eagle Guild" donor recognition program:

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Watch for more info about the Foundation's donor appreciation programs!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!



Got questions? Wendy (pictured at left) is ready to give you all the details about the Foundation's charitable programs and how you can help. Give her a call!

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Show Me... Missouri Rite Care Clinics



MO Clinics enjoy RiteCare Conference in Washington DC in August

On August 28-30th, the RiteCare Clinics across the country were invited to participate in the 7th Annual Biannual National Conference of the RiteCare Clinics in Washington, DC. Conference was hosted by Supreme Council, area Scottish Rite Masons and Children's National Medical Center. Clinicians and Scottish Rite leaders gathered to learn, share ideas and grow the concept of RiteCare. SGIG Bob Cockerham and his wife, Stacy



Clinical Staff from the STL and KC Clinics along with SGIG Robert & Stacy Cockerham in DC

joined in Clinic teams as we strategized on how to grow the RiteCare program. Currently there are 7 RiteCare clinic programs located in the 5 Valleys of Missouri (and over 180 jurisdiction wide). Per recommendation of the MO Scottish Rite Foundation at the May meeting, a task force has been established to explore the possibilities of a statewide Clinic system. Stay tuned!

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Show Me... Missouri DeMolay

My year as State Master Councilor comes to a close with the 2008-2009 Missouri DeMolay State Officers Installation on November 8, at the Scottish Rite, Valley of St. Louis. I hope that each and every one of you can attend.

I have had an incredible year and am most proud of what the members,

advisors, and families of Missouri have done for the RiteCare Clinics with the Kids Helping Kids initiative. The giving far exceeded my expectations and the goal that I set of \$10,000 was surpassed and I am very proud to say we are well over \$101,000.

The chapters all around Missouri donated at their bi-annual Installation of Officers, the state officers held a Texas Hold'em Tournament, we had a Bear auction at our annual Conclave, many attended the fundraisers held by the Scottish Rite Foundation in support of the clinics, and much more.

Missouri DeMolay continues to be at the top of the world in leadership and has officers holding international positions. Deputy State Master Councilor Ryan Cockerham and I are very excited to represent 12 states as DeMolay International Congress Representatives.

Are you involved in a DeMolay chapter? If not, please consider that the young men in the chapter are the future of Freemasonry and that they need your support. Everyone has a gift to share - time, organizational, driving, etc. Think about it and contact 1-877-318-1919 to find your local chapter.

Fraternally,
Justin A. Woods
State Master Councilor

